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Lakeland offers COVID-19 antibody testing

General public now has access with doctor's order, to see if they were infected

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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ST. JOSEPH — The general public can now get a COVID-19 antibody test through Spectrum Health Lakeland, the hospital system announced in a news release Tuesday.

A physician's order is needed to obtain the test.

Spectrum Health has the capacity to do up to 1,000 antibody tests per day, with results available within about 24 hours.

"We know there are likely many people in our community who have been previously exposed to the virus and never received a test," said Joe Brown, director of laboratory services at Spectrum

Health Lakeland, in the release. "We hope through antibody testing we will be able to further understand how the disease spreads in our community and who it has affected."

The antibody, or serology, test is a blood test designed to detect a previous COVID-19 infection through the presence of disease-fighting antibodies.

Spectrum Health Lakeland is offering a two-tiered test, recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, which targets the IgG antibody specific to the virus that causes COVID-19. This test improves accuracy by confirming results using two different mechanisms, according to the release.

It is recommended that people should get an antibody test only after it has been 10 or more days since the onset of COVID-19 symptoms. This might include the 188 people since March that the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) has presumed have had COVID-19,

but have not had a confirming diagnostic test.

The antibody test, available at all Spectrum Health Lakeland laboratories, is not restricted to a specific patient population but does require an order from a doctor or advanced practice provider.

Anyone who would like an antibody test should contact their health care provider. The cost of the test is \$45 and should be covered by most insurance plans, according to the news release. Once the test is ordered, patients will

need to schedule an appointment with a Lakeland lab by calling 556-2810.

In addition, Spectrum Health Lakeland cautions that the presence of antibodies does not mean with certainty that you are immune from contracting COVID-19, nor does it support easing behaviors such as social distancing, wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands, according to the release.

The antibody test is not

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Crews mow and edge near the Tower of Remembrance Tuesday afternoon at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor.

Financial situation of Benton Harbor cemeteries still unknown

Board members hold 7th fruitless meeting since January

By LOUISE WREGG
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — For the seventh meeting since January, Benton Harbor Cemetery Board members on Tuesday were not given the information they said they needed to decide on who is going to manage the city's cemeteries — Crystal Springs and Morton Hill.

Board Chairperson Lisa Varrie said board members can't make any decisions until they know how much money they have available to work with.

"We did ask the city manager on several occasions to attend our meetings because we wanted to get some kind of input on what we had as far as finances to go forward and whether we're looking for a new company (or) whether the



American flags, planted at the graves of veterans, wave in the wind Tuesday afternoon at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor.

cemetery board would take over and run the cemetery," she said during the meeting, which was held virtually due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

"But without information on the finances, we had no road to take. At this point, we still don't know what type of budget the cemetery has."

City Manager Ellis Mitchell declined to discuss the

cemetery board's finances during the meeting. Instead, he told Varrie he would call her by this morning to explain things.

Clerk Kimberly Thompson said Plante Moran, the company that handles the city's finances, was expected to email to her a report about the cemetery board's finances by the end of the day.

Bert Edquist started man-

aging the cemeteries in 2013 and gave the city the required 120-day notice last fall that he would no longer manage them as of March 15. The city has been paying him to continue performing burials, but not grounds maintenance.

Since January, cemetery board members have said they want a request for proposal sent out to find out how many people are interested in managing the cemetery. But that costs money and the board doesn't know if it has any. They previously said that sending out an RFP would give them a variety of candidates to interview and choose from.

So far, Sean Fitzpatrick of Northwest Indiana is the only person who has sent in an unsolicited application to manage the cemeteries. He said at a previous meeting that he's worked indirectly in the funeral industry for 15 years as an autopsy technician and has managed other properties, but

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Juvenile-lifer resentenced

Christopher Tobar now eligible for parole for 1993 murder

By JULIE SWIDWA
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ST. JOSEPH — A Benton Harbor man who expected to spend the rest of his life in prison now is eligible for parole.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gary Bruce resentenced Christopher Tobar, 44, to 25-60 years in prison for the 1993 murder of Paries Cummings, 33, of Benton Harbor. He has served the minimum of 25 on the murder charge and another two years on a weapons charge, so can request a hearing before the Michigan Parole Board to ask for release.

Tobar was 17 when on Jan. 30, 1993, he fatally shot Cummings as she walked alone at around 2:30 a.m. along Clay Street in Benton Harbor. He was found guilty of first-degree felony murder and was sentenced to life without parole, the mandatory penalty for that crime in Michigan. But the U.S. Supreme Court has since ruled that mandatory, automatic life without parole for anyone under 18 in unconstitutional because a juvenile's brain is not fully developed.

Charlene Duncan lived just two blocks away at Clay and Pipestone and Cummings had been staying there with her when she was killed, leaving behind three children, who are now grown.

Speaking Tuesday at a

resentencing hearing for Tobar, Duncan said, "I was the last one to see her. I'm giving it to the Lord, but if it's the court's order that he be released, make it a condition that he do something for her children."

Outside the courtroom, Duncan said, "I've had to re-live this. I feel responsible because I feel like if she had not been staying at my house this wouldn't have happened. I've given it to the Lord."

Since the 2012 Supreme Court ruling, the court in 2016 made the decision retroactive. So courts in Michigan had to dust off their juvenile-lifer cases for review. Judges now have the discretion to sentence juvenile-lifers to life without parole or a term of years. The life without parole sentence should be reserved only for those juveniles who are determined to be "irreparably corrupt" and unable to be rehabilitated, the Supreme Court stated in its decision.

Prosecutors can argue for the life without parole sentence to stick, and Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic decided to do that in Tobar's case and several others.

At a hearing in February, Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Amy Byrd fought for the prosecutor's motion, while Sofia Nelson from the State Appellate Defenders Office argued for Tobar to be resentenced to a term of years. Following that hearing, Judge Bruce ruled that Tobar is not irreparably corrupt, is capable of change, and should be resentenced.

During Tuesday's hearing, held by video conference between the court and the state prison where Tobar is incarcerated, with everyone in the courtroom wearing face masks due to the

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Michigan governor: Husband's call about boat was just humor

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer acknowledged Tuesday that her husband dropped her name in an effort to get his

boat in the water for Memorial Day weekend but said it simply was a "failed attempt at humor" during a phone call with a recreation business.

"He thought it might get a laugh. It didn't," Whitmer

said, "and to be honest I wasn't laughing either when it was relayed to me because I knew how it would be perceived."

At a news conference, Whitmer responded to reports that began with Face-

book posts by the owner of NorthShore Dock in northern Michigan. Tad Dowker said his staff took a call last week from Whitmer's husband, Marc Mallory.

"There was a gentleman on hold who wanted his

boat in the water before the weekend," Dowker posted, according to The Detroit News. "Being Memorial weekend and the fact that we started working three weeks late means there is no chance this is going to happen."

"Well our office personnel had explained this to the man and he replied, 'I am the husband to the governor, will this make a difference?'" Dowker wrote.

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intended to replace a diagnostic COVID-19 test.

Testing

In addition, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced expanded diagnostic COVID-19 testing Tuesday.

“The more that get tested the better,” she said during an afternoon news conference.

Those who would like to be tested should call their doctor; contact one of the four testing sites in Berrien County; or call the state’s COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, or visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

To be tested by Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, call 833-559-0659; to be tested by InterCare in Benton Harbor, call 855-869-6900; to be tested by Rite Aid in Bridgman, visit www.riteaid.com; and to be tested by Walmart in Benton Township, visit www.My-QuestCOVIDTest.com.

Count update

Last week was the deadliest for Berrien County so far during the coronavirus pandemic.

The BCHD reported 14 COVID-19 deaths since last Tuesday. In previous weeks, the county has had about five or six deaths in a week.

Berrien County now has 47 deaths, with five deaths reported on Tuesday.

The deaths were that of one man in his 70s, one woman in her 80s, two men in their 80s, and one woman in her 90s, all with multiple underlying medical conditions.

All of Berrien County’s deaths have been people over the age of 40, with 29 of them age 80 or older, according to the county’s data

dashboard. Of the 47 deaths, 23 have been women and 24 have been men; and 27 have been white, 17 have been black and one was hispanic/latino.

There are now 595 cumulative cases in Berrien County, an addition of 24 cases since Friday and 58 since last Tuesday. The week prior, the county added 127 cases.

The county is now at 406 recoveries, a gain of 38 since Friday and 70 since last Tuesday. The prior week, the county added 85 recoveries.

With the recoveries and deaths, there are now about 142 confirmed active COVID-19 cases in Berrien County, 19 less than on Friday. Last Tuesday there were about 186 active cases.

Berrien County is at 188 presumed positive COVID-19 cases, six less than Friday and one less than last Tuesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 16 COVID-19 patients as of Tuesday afternoon, with four of those in the intensive care unit. That’s five less than were hospitalized Friday and nine less than were hospitalized last Tuesday.

Van Buren County is now at 126 COVID-19 cases, an increase of 10 cases from last Tuesday and six from Friday. The county has six deaths and 41 recoveries.

Cass County is now at 78 COVID-19 cases, an increase of 17 cases from last Tuesday and five from Friday. The county has two deaths and 24 recoveries.

Local COVID-19 numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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pandemic, Byrd asked the judge to take into consideration the senselessness of the murder.

Tobar was in a car with four other people when they decided to rob someone. He and another person got out of the car and Tobar pointed the gun at Paries. According to testimony, the other person shot at a bystander and seconds later, Tobar pulled the trigger and fatally shot Paries.

Testifying in his own behalf during Tuesday’s hearing, Tobar said, “I want to once again apologize to the family and to the people of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. Today as a 44-year-old man I realize what I’ve done and I realize it is never appropriate to take someone’s life.”

Nelson asked for a sentence of 25 years minimum, saying Tobar is at risk of contracting coronavirus in prison and has been determined by prison staff to be at low risk of violence or reoffending.

Before pronouncing the new sentence, Bruce said factors leading to Tobar’s crime included insufficient brain development, peer pressure and no parental influence, “a recipe for something disastrous to happen.”

He told Tobar, “You took the life of an innocent woman who did nothing but walk down the street. Redemption is something you have the rest of your life to earn. Every day, until your life is over, prove to her family and yours, to your lawyers, to me, and to yourself, that you are doing that.”

He cautioned Tobar that the world has changed drastically since he went to prison and that every minute of every day will be a struggle and, “You will earn redemption by the life you live.”

The judge told Tobar it won’t be easy.

“Right now there’s a 16- or 17-year-old boy out there wondering what he would look like if he carried a gun and gained a reputation for it. Find a way to reach that young man. Be honest with yourself about redemption. Tell yourself ‘I was handed my life back and I made the most of it.’ Are you ready for that?” Bruce asked Tobar.

“Yes sir,” Tobar responded. Contact: jswidwa@TheHP.com, 932-0359, Twitter: @HPSwidwa

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never a cemetery.

Fitzpatrick told board members that his plan includes the city paying him \$7,500 a month for the first three years and his hiring of Edquist as a consultant until he can get all of the equipment needed to handle burials himself.

Edquist has offered to continue maintaining the grounds until January 2021 for \$5,000 a month to give the board time to find a replacement. Varrie said that until cemetery board members know the financial situation, they can’t enter into any agreements.

In a written statement during the board’s Feb. 25 meeting, Mitchell said: “There are negotiations going on. The plan for the management of the cemetery is under review and will be revealed after approval.” Mitchell did not attend the meeting.

At the April 14 meeting, Mitchell said that he can’t have anything to do with the cemetery board, due to a 1994 court ruling. That ruling by a Berrien County judge ordered the city not to interfere with cemetery affairs indefinitely.

Meanwhile, Mitchell said Tuesday that he has hired someone to mow the grass at the cemeteries, starting this past Friday. He declined to say who was paying them or how much they were being paid. Some residents have expressed anger and frustration at the state of the cemetery grounds over the Memorial Day weekend.

Morton Hill Cemetery is 2.78 acres and is fully developed. Crystal Springs Cemetery is 120 acres, with only 65 acres developed.

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CoQ10’s Failure Leaves Millions Wanting

Use this pill to supercharge your brain and think better than ever.

BREAKING NEWS: Millions of Americans take the supplement CoQ10. It’s the “jet fuel” that supercharges your cells’ power generators, known as mitochondria.

As you age, your mitochondria begin to die. In fact, by age 67, you lose 80% of the mitochondria you had at age 25.1 But if you’re taking CoQ10, there’s something important you should know.

As powerful as CoQ10 is, there is a critical thing it fails to do. It can’t create new mitochondria in your cells.

Taking CoQ10 is not enough

“There’s a little-known NASA nutrient that multiplies the number of new power generators in your cells by up to 55%,” says Dr. Al Sears, owner of the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. “Science once thought this was impossible. But now you can make your heart, brain and body young again.”

“I tell my patients the most important thing I can do is increase their ‘health span.’ This is the length of time you can live free of disease and with all your youthful abilities and faculties intact.”

Medical first: Multiply the “power generators” in your cells

Al Sears, M.D., recently released an energy-boosting supplement based on this NASA nutrient that has become so popular, he’s having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of over 500 scientific papers on anti-aging and recently spoke at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz and special guest Suzanne Somers. Thousands of people listened to Dr. Sears speak on his anti-aging breakthroughs and attended his book signing at the event.

Now, Dr. Sears has come up with what his peers consider his greatest contribution to anti-aging medicine yet — a newly discovered nutrient that multiplies the number of tiny, energy-producing “engines” located inside the body’s cells, shattering the limitations of traditional CoQ10 supplements.

Why mitochondria matter

A single cell in your body can contain between 200 to 2,000 mitochondria, with the largest number found in the most metabolically active cells, like those in your brain, heart and skeletal muscles.

But because of changes in cells, stress and poor diet, most people’s power generators begin to malfunction and die off as they age. In fact, the Mitochondria Research Society reports 50 million U.S. adults are suffering from health problems because of mitochondrial dysfunction.

Common ailments often associated with aging — such as memory problems, heart issues, blood sugar concerns and vision and hearing difficulties — can all be connected to a decrease in mitochondria.

Birth of new mitochondria

Dr. Sears and his researchers combined the most powerful form of CoQ10 available — called ubiquinol — with a unique, newly discovered natural compound called PQQ that has the remarkable ability to grow new mitochondria. Together, the two powerhouses are now available in a supplement called Ultra Accel II.

Discovered by a NASA probe in space dust, PQQ (Pyrroloquinoline quinone) stimulates something called “mitochondrial biogenesis” — a unique process that actually boosts the number of healthy mitochondria in your cells.

In a study published in the Journal of Nutrition, mice fed PQQ grew a staggering number of new mitochondria, showing an increase of more than 55% in just eight weeks.

The mice with the strongest mitochondria showed no signs of aging — even when they were the equivalent of 80 years old.



If your bottle of CoQ10 does not have this NASA nutrient in it, then you are NOT getting the full benefits of CoQ10

Science stands behind the power of PQQ

Biochemical Pharmacology reports that PQQ is up to 5,000 times more efficient in sustaining energy production than common antioxidants.

“Imagine 5,000 times more efficient energy,” says Dr. Sears. “PQQ has been a game changer for my patients.”

“With the PQQ in Ultra Accel, I have energy I never thought possible,” says Colleen R., one of Dr. Sears’ patients. “I am in my 70s but feel 40 again. I think clearer, move with real energy and sleep like a baby.”

It works right away

Along with an abundance of newfound energy, users also report a sharper, more focused mind and memory, and even younger-looking skin and hair. Jerry M. from Wellington, Florida, used Ultra Accel and was amazed at the effect.

“I noticed a difference within a few days,” says Jerry. “My endurance almost doubled. But it’s not just in your body. You can feel it mentally, too,” says Jerry. “Not only do I feel a difference, but the way it protects my cells is great insurance against a health disaster as I get older.”

Increase your health span today

The demand for this supplement is so high, Dr. Sears is having trouble keeping it in stock. “My patients tell me they feel better than they have in years. This is ideal for people who are feeling or looking older than their age... or for those who are tired or growing more forgetful.”

“My favorite part of practicing anti-aging medicine is watching my patients get the joy back in their lives. Ultra Accel sends a wake-up call to every cell in their bodies... and they actually feel young again.”

Where to find Ultra Accel II

Right now, the only way to get this potent combination of PQQ and super-powered CoQ10 is with Dr. Sears’ breakthrough Ultra Accel II formula.

To secure bottles of this hot, new supplement, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 1-800-850-0784 within the next 48 hours. “It takes time to get bottles shipped out to drug stores,” said Dr. Sears. “The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to the customer.”

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product, he offers a 100%, money-back guarantee on every order. “Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days, and I’ll send you your money back,” said Dr. Sears.

The Hotline will be taking orders for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock.

Call 1-800-850-0784 to secure your limited supply of Ultra Accel II. You don’t need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. **To take advantage of this great offer use Promo Code NP0520UA191 when you call in.**

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Poker Lotto
JD-2C-5C-10C-3S
Midday Daily 3
3-3-7
Midday Daily 4
6-9-1-0
Daily 3
6-8-0
Daily 4
3-1-1-0
Fantasy 5
07-13-23-29-31
Keno
01-06-09-10-16-19-29-30-32-43-45-50-51-53-54-57-58-61-63-66-69-80
Mega Millions jackpot
\$313 million
Powerball jackpot
\$114 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
07-10-13-16-31
Cash4Life
08-14-42-46-58, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
12-13-15-20-24-36-39-40-42-49-53-54-55-59-60-69-70-76-77-79, BE: 53
Daily Three-Midday
8-7-1, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
7-1-1, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
2-3-9-7, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
3-6-7-9, SB: 2
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Monday drawings

Illinois
Lotto
07-12-16-23-38-40, Extra Shot: 12
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-04-07-32-42
Pick Three-Midday
8-9-2, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
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From left, Trooper Holly Higgs, Trooper Jeff Baublitz and Sgt. Tim Thompson, members of a Michigan State Police Tactical Bike Team, will be working with the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety to patrol the city this summer.

MSP, BH police team up to keep BH safe

Bike patrol returns to city

By **LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The Michigan State Police Tactical Bike Team and Benton Harbor Public Safety officers are striving to improve relationships with community members through bike patrols this summer.

Not only are officers on bicycles more approachable, but they sometimes can get to a scene before officers in vehicles can.

“It’s amazing how much ground they can cover in a short time,” said Benton Harbor Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis.

Lt. Jeremy Carlisle, assistant post commander of the MSP post in Niles, said officers on bicycles don’t get held up by traffic like officers in cars can.

“A patrol car out in the country is quicker, but there are times we can beat an officer in a vehicle to a scene because we can cut through a yard or go other places that they simply can’t,” he said.

In addition, he said officers are more approachable when they are on bicycles.

“We have a lot of people come up to us and ask us a lot of questions about our bikes,” he said. “Children will come up to us. We usually carry some stickers to hand out to them. It’s a positive contact.”

Carlisle said they also sometimes help children if a chain falls off their bike or their bike gets a flat tire.

“We obviously know how to do that because we ride them and we flatten tires, ourselves, or throw a chain,” he said.

This isn’t the first time state troopers have ridden bicycles in Benton Harbor.

Spl/Lt. DuWayne Robinson, public information officer for MSP’s Fifth District, said that in response to Benton Harbor having seven people shot last July, the bicycle team started doing some patrols late in the summer.

Benton Harbor is one of 11 cities that are part of Michigan’s Secure Cities Partnership, a program developed by the state police to address crime through a system of “smart justice” that recognizes the connection between enforcement and community engagement.

The program was started in 2012 by then-Gov. Rick Snyder. Benton Harbor was added in 2015.

Preliminary findings for 2019 reveal violent crime declined in the city of Benton Harbor by double digits in most categories, when comparing reports from 2018, according to an MSP press release.

“In comparison to the fourth quarter of 2018, total violent crime

decreased by 12 percent during the fourth quarter of 2019,” the report stated. “Property crime decreased by nearly 26 percent during the fourth quarter of 2019, and for the year property crime decreased by 23 percent in 2019. Reported drug offenses dropped significantly by 39 percent in 2019 and reported weapon offenses decreased by 6.3 percent.”

Three MSP detectives work with Benton Harbor Public Safety detectives to investigate the city’s most violent crimes. Beginning in April, more uniformed troopers were assigned to the Niles and Paw Paw MSP posts to focus on proactive patrols in targeted neighborhoods to help reduce the rate of aggravated assaults.

The additional troopers and bicycle team will remain in Benton Harbor through October.

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Honor Credit Union opens lobbies in phases

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BERRIEN SPRINGS — Honor Credit Union has begun to reopen some of the lobbies at its Southwest Michigan branches as the amount of COVID-19 cases decreases across the state.

However, the lobbies are being opened in phases, which included a handful of branches on Tuesday in Berrien Springs, Coloma, Plainwell, Stevensville and Urandale.

This was the second phase of openings, as Honor began welcoming members back on May 18 at other locations in Allegan, Buchanan, Decatur and Gwinn.

“The safety of our team, our members and our communities remain our top priority,” Honor CEO Scott McFarland said in a news release. “As our communities begin to reopen, rebuild and reset, we are confident that reopening our member center lobbies using a phased approach will help create a safe environment for everyone. We look

“As our communities begin to reopen, rebuild and reset, we are confident that reopening our member center lobbies using a phased approach will help create a safe environment for everyone. We look forward to seeing our members in person while practicing social distancing and taking all necessary precautions.”

SCOTT McFarland
Honor CEO

forward to seeing our members in person while practicing social distancing and taking all necessary precautions.”

McFarland said Honor’s reopening plan is designed to ensure the financial institution can continue to monitor public health recommendations, implement engineering guidelines and use protective equipment.

This plan, which is subject to change, allows Honor to remain flexible while reopening additional member centers over the coming weeks.

As additional locations reopen,

impacted members can expect to receive updates through email and online channels.

Some of the precautionary measures that will be in place include the installation of sneeze guards, the requirement to wear masks and face coverings, floor markings to designate social distancing and occupancy limits.

The Virtual Member Center will continue to be available by phone at 800-442-2800 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

While most account needs can be handled remotely, appointment

reservations are now an option at Honor branches.

The appointments can be made for account maintenance, applying for a loan, opening additional accounts, wire transfers and notary/signature guarantees.

Appointments can be booked for up to 60 days in advance. For basic teller transactions, appointments are not needed at any time.

As Honor’s member center lobbies reopen, they will do so under the following business hours:

Lobby hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday: Closed

Drive-thru hours:

- Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday: Closed

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LGBT rights ballot drive sues to cut signature requirement

By **DAVID EGGERT**
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LANSING — A group organizing a ballot drive to add LGBT anti-discrimination protections to Michigan’s civil rights law sued the state Tuesday, saying coronavirus restrictions made it impossible to collect the required 340,000 valid voter signatures.

Fair and Equal Michigan and two Democratic legislators sought an injunction from the state Court of Claims reducing the signature requirement to roughly 127,000 signatures. The suit also seeks to delay a deadline by which signatures must

be submitted and – if that is not granted – requests that signatures be counted in future elections.

Trevor Thomas, co-chair of the ballot committee, said it gathered 100,000 signatures in five weeks but it became tougher to circulate petitions each day after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared an emergency on May 10. The group adjusted by trying to go door to door, he said, but residents were hesitant. It had also planned to collect signatures at large public events and high-traffic city sidewalks.

It had nearly 178,000 signatures as of Sunday, with roughly 135,000 projected to be valid.

“The Constitution grants the people the power to propose and to enact laws,” said Steven Liedel, the ballot drive’s lawyer. “The pandemic made exercising that right an insurmountable task by forcing the collection of signatures during a limited number of days.”

If the ballot committee is successful, the initiated bill would go to lawmakers and, because the Republican-led Legislature would likely not act, to a public vote in November.

The proposal would update the law to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in employment, hous-

ing and public accommodations. Religion-based discrimination, which already is barred, would be defined to include an individual’s “religious beliefs.”

The suit notes that the state agreed to lower the signature requirement for congressional candidates after a court ruled it burdened their constitutional rights amid the pandemic. It names Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson in her official capacity, state elections director Jonathan Brater and the bipartisan Board of State Canvassers. A Benson spokesman declined to comment and said the department had not yet reviewed the complaint.

SJ schools to expand technology program

District will shift to Chromebooks for personal laptops

By **TONY WITKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph Public Schools will expand its One-to-One computer initiative to all grade levels in the district, beginning in the fall.

Access to technology and integration for student learning was made a priority in the district when the program was created about eight years ago that offered sixth-grade students laptops for class use.

While sixth-graders had normally been assigned Apple products, Chromebooks will now be the normal device assigned as they make their way through grade school.

The COVID-19 school closure in mid-March reinforced the strong position St. Joseph schools was in, with respect to remote learning.

Superintendent Thomas Bruce said the unprecedented change in education over the past two months has showed the importance of keeping students connected, in and out of the classroom.

“The pandemic has been a big catalyst,” Bruce said. “Education will not look the same after this. There will be times that we might have to shut down and work remotely. And that’s not just for a pandemic. Last year we closed because of the polar vortex.”

The transition will take place during the 2020-21 school year, as Bruce said the Macintosh products have been more difficult to repair and maintain than the Chromebooks.

He also pointed to the high battery life for Chromebooks and a lack of spare Mac devices for students to use through the Bring Your Own Device program at the high school.

Bruce expects a slow transition, as the administration evaluates its use of technology.

“We’re looking at security, ease of use and a system we can use from lower elementary to the high school,” he said. “We do understand there are some things we can’t do on a Chromebook. There will still be quite a few Macs out there for us. We are a Mac district that has classes that require specific programming.”

Bruce said the intention of this move is to keep the transitions as smooth as possible because of the pandemic. That’s why students who have Macs can continue to use those devices for class use.

With the support of the community and SJPS Foundation, the One-to-One program has sustained itself at Upton Middle School since 2012.

Expanding this program to the entire district was made possible through the series bond that was approved by voters in 2016, as well as the continued support of the SJPS Foundation.

The One-to-One program was already extended to fourth- and fifth-graders across the district last year.

Fourth- and fifth-grade students were given Chromebook laptops to use in class as a way to prepare for the MacBook Air devices they would get in middle school.

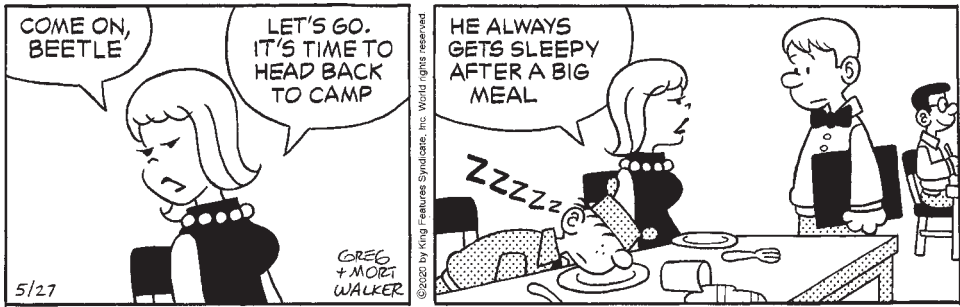
The program is primarily funded through an annual contribution of \$100,000 from the SJPS Foundation, while the rest comes from the school district’s annual budget.

The district usually buys between 210 and 250 laptops each year, depending on class size.

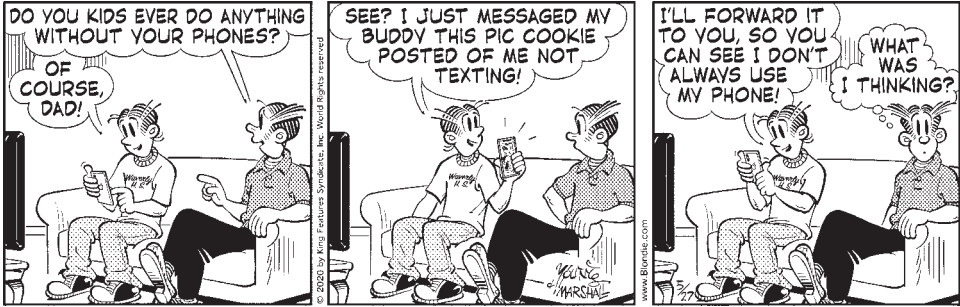
Students can purchase laptops at a discounted rate once they enter high school. Laptops that aren’t bought are sold to other students before the public gets a chance.

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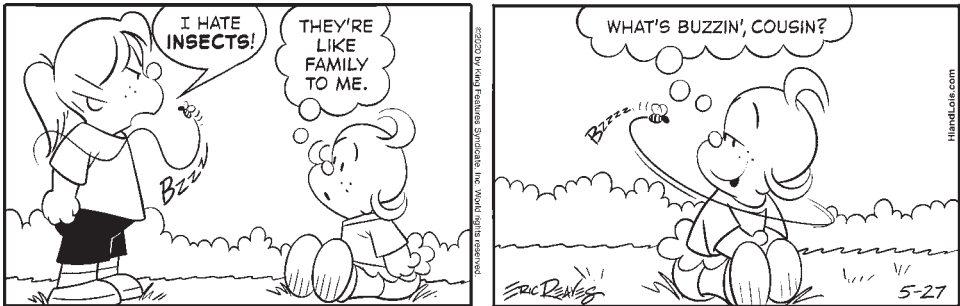
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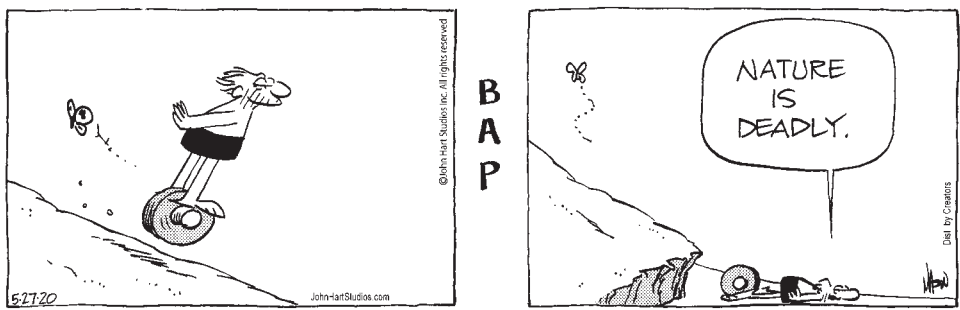
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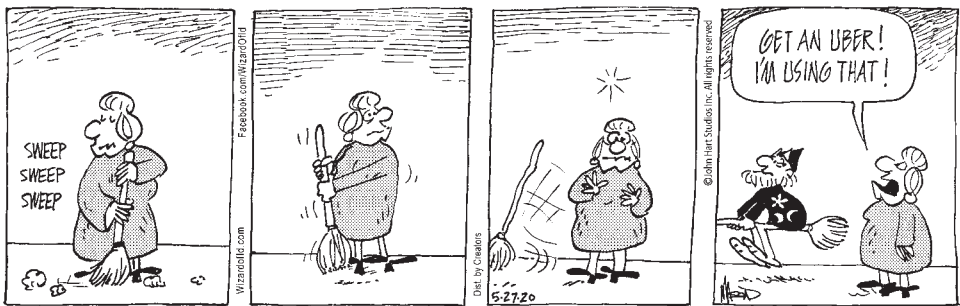
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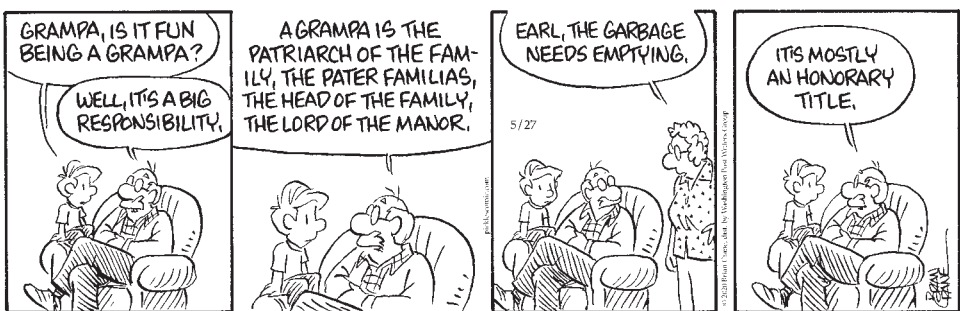
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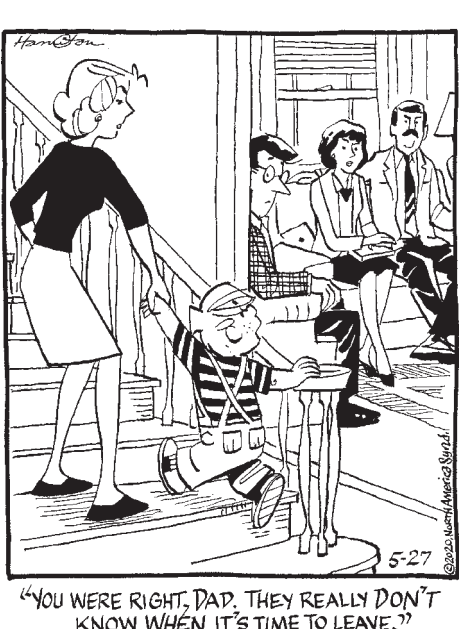
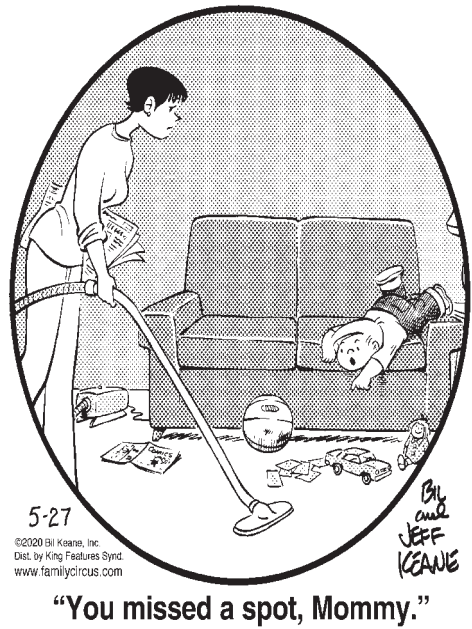


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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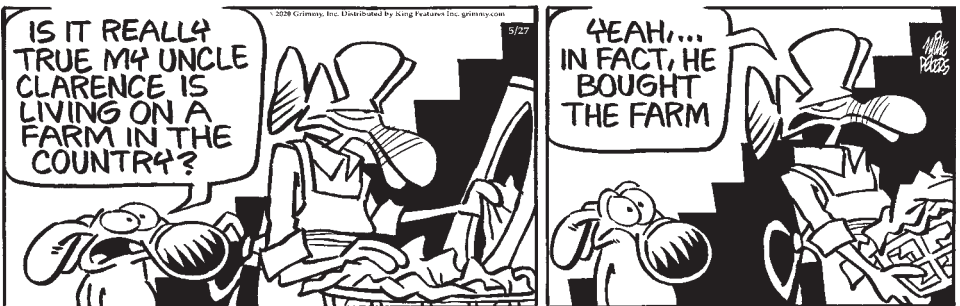
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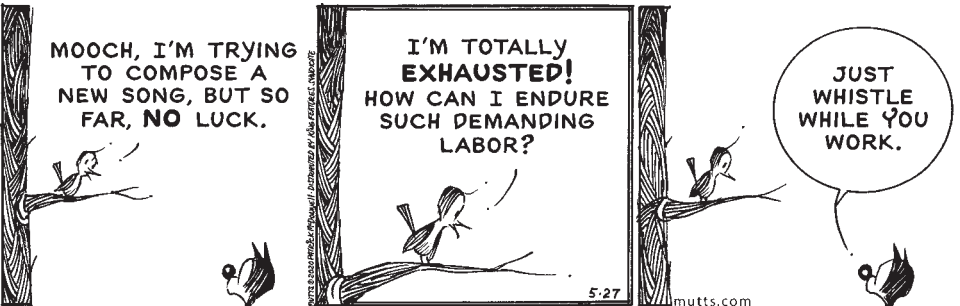
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ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	★ ★ ★ Thor: The Dark World (13) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman. (DVS)			Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.		
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	Game On! Gabriel Iglesias; J.R. Smith.			S.W.A.T. "Immunity" (N)		
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med (N) (DVS)			Chicago P.D. "False Positive"		
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	MasterChef (N)			Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) (N)		
PBS (34)	Great Lakes	Nature The abilities of butterflies.			Expedition With Steve Backshall		
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The 100 "The Garden" (N) (N)			Bulletproof "Episode 5" (N)		
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Pay-back" (DVS)			Dateline The murder of a Utah teen. (N)		
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	The 100 "The Garden" (N) (N)			Bulletproof "Episode 5" (N)		
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Over the Rise" (DVS)			Highway to Heaven "Amazing Man"		
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) (N)	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 A casino visitor goes missing.			Ghost Hunters (F) (N) (N)		
AMC	White House	★ ★ ★ Con Air (97, Action) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack. Vicious convicts hijack their flight. (N)			The First 48 "The Other Wife" (N)		
Animal	North-	North Wo. Law			North Woods Law		
BET	★ ★ Tyler Perry's Good Deeds	T. Perry's The Oval			American Soul (N)		
Big Ten	Nebraska	Big Ten Elite (N)			Wisconsin		
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly			Real Housewives/ Beverly		
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	Final Dest 5	★ ★ Darkness (02, Horror) Anna Paquin, Lena Olin. (N)			★ ★ The Darkest Hour (11) Emile Hirsch, Olivia Thirlby. (N)		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	Shark Tank (N)			Jay Leno's Garage		
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper			Cuomo Prime Time		
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Yankers
Discovery	Expedition Un.	Expedition Unknown (N) (N)			:01 Mysteries of the Deep (N) (N)		
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Just Roll	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Holmes	Holmes Makes			Holmes Makes		
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ESPN	:00 NBA Basketball	From April 13, 2016. NBA Basketball					
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ESPN2	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 14, 1983. MLB Baseball					
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games			Guy's Games		
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson			Hannity (N) (N)		
Fox Sports	Spotlight	MLB Baseball From July 9, 1981 in Cleveland. (N)					
Freefrm	:00 ★ ★ ★ Shrek (01) Voices of Mike Myers. (N)	★ ★ ★ Matilda (96, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman. (N)					
FX	★ ★ ★ Deadpool (16) Ryan Reynolds. Deadpool hunts down the man who nearly destroyed his life. (N)				What We Do	What We Do	
Golf	PGA	GOLF Films (N)			GOLF Films (N)		
Hallmark	Surprised by Love	★ ★ Stop the Wedding (16, Comedy-Drama) Rachel Boston, Niall Matter. (N)			Golden Girls		
HBO	I Know This	I Know This Much Is True "Episode 3"			★ ★ This Means War (12, Action) Reese Witherspoon. (N)		
History	:00 Grant (N)	Grant Grant serves as president. (N) (N)					
HGTV	Celebrity	Property Brothers (N)			Property Brothers		
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "The Assanti Brothers"			My 600-Lb. Life		
Lifetime	Married-Sight (N) (N)	Married at First Sight (Series (P)) Twenty hopeful singles marry a stranger. (N)					
MSNBC	Decision	All In With			Rachel Maddow		
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge (N) (N)			Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	White Sox Rewind Game 2. (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football From Nov. 11, 2019. (N)					
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Group	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Borderfor	Borderforce USA			To Catch a Smug		
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "The Trap" Murder occurs in a wealthy neighborhood.			Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N)		
Parmt	Two Men	★ ★ ★ Beverly Hills Cop (84) Eddie Murphy. (N)					
Showtime	Kill Bill: Vol. 2	The Affair There is more to Alison.			Couples Therapy		
Starz	:08 ★ ★ ★ Colombiana (11) Zoe Saldana, Jordi Molla. (N)				★ ★ Black and Blue (19, Suspense) Naomie Harris, Tyrese Gibson. (N)		
STZENC	:01 ★ ★ ★ Boomerang (92) Eddie Murphy, Halle Berry. (N)	★ ★ ★ RoboCop (87) Peter Weller, Nancy Allen. (N)			★ ★ RoboCop 2		
SyFy	6:30 ★ ★ ★ Constantine (05) Keanu Reeves. (N)	★ ★ ★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (12) Dwayne Johnson. (DVS)					
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	I'll Cry Tomorrow	★ ★ ★ The Horse Soldiers (59, Action) John Wayne, William Holden. (N)			:15 ★ ★ ★ The Co-mancheros (61)		
TMC	:00 ★ ★ ★ The Reckoning (04, Mystery) Paul Bettany. (N)	★ ★ ★ The Last Temptation of Christ (88) Willem Dafoe, Harvey Keitel. (N)					
TNT	Kong	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (N)			★ ★ ★ It (17)		
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Nation (N)			Ghost Nation (N)		
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Dropped bladder has different levels of severity

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm a 75-year-old woman and have been diagnosed with a dropped bladder due to a hysterectomy in my mid-40s. I have discomfort, particularly when I walk a long distance or do heavy lifting; some leakage problems; and frequently have UTIs. What can be done?

DEAR READER: A prolapsed bladder, also known as a fallen bladder, or cystocele, is common after a hysterectomy. It's due to the drop in estrogen levels that occurs after the uterus and ovaries are removed. Estrogen, the primary female sex hormone, plays an important role in keeping the pelvic tissues toned and strong. Additional causes of the condition can include physical stresses, such as childbirth, frequent straining due to constipation or a chronic cough, heavy lifting and obesity. The decrease in estrogen that accompanies menopause can also contribute to bladder prolapse.

The condition is broken down into four separate stages, from mild to severe, depending on the degree to which the bladder has dropped. Women with a mild case – Stage 1 – may not experience any symptoms. When the condition is more advanced, symptoms include the discomfort, stress incontinence and frequent urinary tract infections

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Ask the Doctors



Treatment depends on how far the bladder has dropped, as well as variables such as age, medical history, general health and personal preferences. In moderate cases, nonsurgical treatments can help. These include estrogen replacement therapy, which can be administered in a patch, as a pill or in a cream, and is used to strengthen the tissues that support the bladder. Kegel exercises, which are deliberate contractions of the muscles that you use to control urination, strengthen the pelvic floor. Electrical stimulation is used to trigger muscle contractions and build strength and tone, and some women have success with biofeedback.

Another nonsurgical option is a pessary. That's a rubbery, donut-like device that is inserted into the vagina, much like a diaphragm. The pessary provides physical support. It can ease discomfort

and has been shown to help with urinary control. It generally takes just one office visit with a urologist to be measured and fitted with the appropriate device. After that, pessaries require monthly cleaning. Depending on the device, this can be done at home, or it may need to be done in the urologist's office. Many women do well with a pessary, while others experience discomfort or irritation. Infections are possible, but when a pessary is fitted and cleaned properly, the risk is small.

For severe cases of bladder prolapse, or when the less-invasive methods of managing the condition are not successful, reconstructive surgery may be needed. The goal is to return the bladder to its proper position. Before opting for surgical repair, be sure to learn all about the procedure you will have, as well as the potential risks, benefits and other options available.

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Miserable in quarantine with girlfriend's parents

DEAR CAROLYN: My girlfriend and I are in our mid-20s and have lived together for almost three years. Her parents used to live

Carolyn Hax



hours away and we only saw them on holidays. They retired last year, sold their house and had been spending this year traveling. They had nowhere to go in the pandemic, so they moved in with us in our small two-bedroom house. I feel this has given me insight into what my future will look like if I marry my girlfriend. My girlfriend is an only child and her parents are so overbearing. They think we know nothing and should consult them on everything. Our life used to be so happy, but her parents have made me miserable. I've been shut out of any say in my own home, about groceries, cleaning, laundry, etc.

They think they're being so helpful, and so does my girlfriend, while we're both working from home. But my life has been put under a microscope, they treat me like a child, and I hate it. I'm starting to think my girlfriend and I should go our separate ways when this is all over.

I haven't told anyone because my family and friends love her so much. Am I overreacting? I don't have the money to move out. I feel lost. – Lost

LOST: You have my sincerest condolences on the loss of your comfortable home and happy equilibrium.

Your welcoming your girlfriend's parents was an act of generosity, and they thanked you with a household takeover involving about four different boundary violations.

I hope you can see this collapse, though, as the gift it is.

For a happy partnership, you and your girlfriend must be able to talk about difficult things.

And to find agreement on basic principles.

And to find peace when you disagree on important things – or, of course, to break up civilly when those things are too important to disagree on.

And you need to be able to form a healthy enough unit together to withstand unhealthy pressure from the outside, be it from loved ones, your environment, your jobs, whatever else.

So here's your test of your own boundaries and of your relationship's long-term viability, both in the form of these houseguests from your own personal hell.

First, your boundaries: As was your prerogative and responsibility from the beginning, kindly refuse or stand up to treatment that annoys you. Be the adult you want them to acknowledge and respect.

Alternately, in the interest of being thorough: Recall they've spent three years *not* intruding, and know if they were truly overbearing, they'd have smothered you from anywhere and everywhere. Then, embrace this cramped coexistence as exceptional and temporary, and release all judgments, expectations and resentments of them.

Do this *only* if you can do so genuinely and kindly, though.

Second, your relationship: Tell your girlfriend how frustrated you feel.

This line-drawing will either be the end you're prepared for it to be, or the beginning of a stronger, more evolved partnership. If you and she can come up with and present a kindly unified front, then you, not they, will determine "what my future will look like" – as long as her folks don't send you Wile E. Coyote-ing through the nearest exterior wall.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Disordered
 - 6 Western
 - 11 Prized
 - 12 Harley competitor
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 - 15 Candy strippers
 - 16 Vaulted recess
 - 17 Unpleasant look
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 - 19 Tijuana locale
 - 23 Pole on a ship
 - 25 Mr. Trebek
 - 26 Go bad
 - 29 Apparent
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 - 34 Became ashen
 - 35 None
 - 36 Prof. of Swift horse
 - 40 Broad valley
 - 41 Comedian — Abbott

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 - 3 Building custodians
 - 4 Hardens, as cement
 - 5 Fabric meas.
 - 6 Boathouse items
 - 7 Protozoan
 - 8 Upsilon precursor
 - 9 Codgers' queries
 - 10 "The Facts of Life" star
 - 11 Tender meat
 - 12 Barks shrilly

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16 Roman emperor

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18 Island near Borneo

41 Buys at auction

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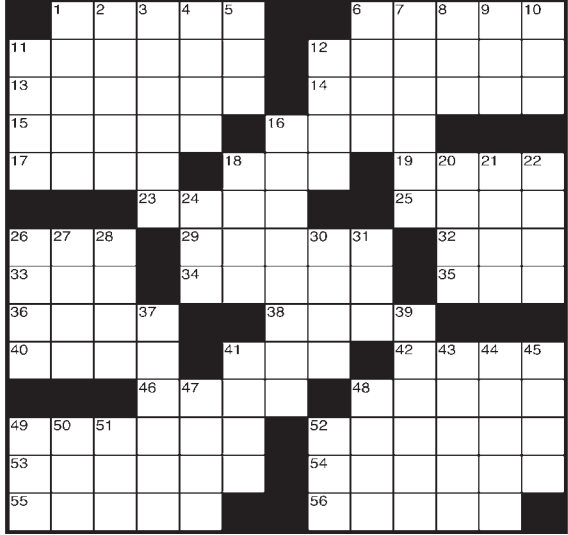
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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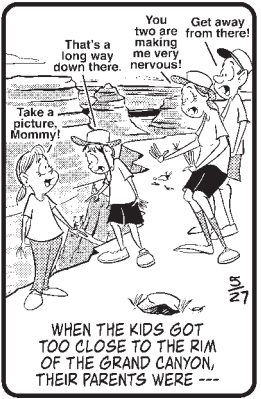
LEEAGB

GDEAAN

Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: FILTH KOALA DEGREE BUZZER

Answer: Getting Penny Marshall to direct and Tom Hanks to star in the 1988 film was a — BIG DEAL



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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KAKURO

Kakuro puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in cells.

Difficulty Level ★★

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How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

8	7	9	6	9	2	8	5
6	2	1	4	8	1	3	2
9	6	8	1	5	2	7	1
3	1	7	2	9	1	9	3
8	4	9	1	3	1	2	8
3	1	8	1	8	2	5	1
9	2	3	4	9	1	2	4
7	3	1	2	8	3	1	2

BRIDGE

George Orwell penned, "A scrupulous writer, in every sentence that he writes, will ask himself at least four questions, thus: 1. What am I trying to say? 2. What words will express it? 3. What image or idiom will make it clearer? 4. Is this image fresh enough to have an effect?"

Bridge players, when they make a bid, should ask 1. What am I trying to tell partner? 2. Which bid best describes my hand? 3. Will partner interpret my call correctly?

In particular, if the answer to the third question is in the negative, it would be a good idea to bid something else. Look at the North hand in today's deal, which was sent to me by Steve

Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island. You open one no-trump; partner responds two clubs, Stayman; you rebid two diamonds; and partner jumps to four no-trump. What does that mean? What would you do next? Four no-trump isn't an ace inquiry, because there is no agreed suit. It is quantitative, asking partner to pass with 15 points, bid a slam with 17 points, and guess well with 16!

Conrad decided not only to move, but also to try to find a 4-4 fit in a minor. He bid five clubs. South, interpreting correctly, raised to six clubs. (North, with five clubs, would have jumped to six clubs over four no-trump.) Six clubs was easy to

Bridge deal. North: ♠ A Q, ♥ K Q 10, ♦ A 7 4 3, ♣ J 7 5 3. South: ♠ K 6 5 2, ♥ J 9, ♦ K J 9, ♣ A K Q 4. Dealer: North. Vulnerable: North-South. Pass, 2NT, 4NT, 4NT. Opening lead: ♥ 6.

make with trumps 3-2. Declarer drew trumps and claimed three spades, two hearts, two diamonds, four clubs and a spade ruff on the board. Finally, note that six no-trump would have failed with this layout.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in cells.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
6	3	2	1	7	9	4	8	5
1	8	9	6	4	5	7	2	3
4	7	5	2	8	3	9	6	1
2	9	7	4	5	1	8	3	6
3	6	1	8	2	7	5	9	4
8	5	4	3	9	6	1	7	2
7	4	8	5	6	2	3	1	9
9	1	6	7	3	4	2	5	8
5	2	3	9	1	8	6	4	7

Cooking with what’s on hand

How to make great dinners with frozen fish or canned seafood

By JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Chicago Tribune

My freezer and pantry shelves overflow. And not just during a health crisis.

The pantry shelves of most food professionals hold a variety of grains, canned chiles, condiments and broth. We utilize freezers for a convenient supply of fish and poultry, as well as to stock up on the season’s best fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Frozen fish in many cases proves far superior to the “thawed for your convenience” items at the supermarket. I prefer to have control over the defrosting.

Thawed properly, in the refrigerator, seafood maintains its flavor and texture all the way to the dinner table. I regularly stock frozen salmon, cod and halibut fillets as well as shrimp and scallops.

Look at the labeling for frozen fish: Ideally it says frozen at sea. That way, you’ll know the fish was frozen at its peak flavor and texture.

Always, and I mean always, thaw fish in the refrigerator – never at room temperature or under running water as this quick-thawing seriously destroys the final texture.

We look forward to a variety of Alaskan fish from a CSF (community supported fishery), Sitka Salmon Shares, arriving on our porch. Sitka features sustainable, responsibly fished wild Alaskan sockeye and King salmon, plus other fish, that are shipped directly to the house.

Wildalaskancompany.com is another excellent mail-order source. Be sure to have freezer space available for when the item delivers – the more you order the lower the cost per pound.

I like boneless fillets of wild Alaskan sockeye in the sauteed fish recipe that follows. Other options include flounder, cod, tilapia, had-dock, snapper or halibut. Nearly any fish fillet will work as long as it’s not too thick or too thin; 3/4-inch thick cooks beautifully in a skillet.

Always check the fillets for bones by running your finger over the fillet; use tweezers to remove the bones. Remove the fish skin if you wish. To enjoy crispy skin, start the cooking skin side up to brown the flesh, then flip the fillet skin side down to finish the cooking.

Start the reduction for the butter sauce before cooking the fish, then finish the sauce by whisking in the butter after the fish is cooked.

Slow-simmered, nutty textured farro makes an excellent companion to mild, tender fish. Farro, a type



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Canned clams reach their peak potential in an easy, creamy sauce you can throw together to coat spaghetti.

of wheat high in protein and fiber with lots of minerals and vitamins, proves more nutritious than white rice or refined grains.

Look for farro in the natural food section of large supermarkets. If stores are sold out, try ordering it online from Bob’s Red Mill or Rancho Gordo.

Farro cooks easily by simmering in water or broth until tender. To season it, stir in a generous amount of any fresh herbs on hand – new spring chives, parsley, cilantro and dill or simply the tops from green onions.

I use tinned fish when the freezer stocks are low and to avoid a trip to the store. Canned clams, seasoned with white wine, garlic, Parmesan and a bit of cream make a restaurant-quality pasta dish we enjoy all year long.

Optional tinned green chiles and anchovy fillets add salt and umami satisfaction.

Sauteed Fish with Fresh Herb Butter and Farro

Makes 4 servings.

- 1 cup loosely packed tiny sprigs and leaves from fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1/4 cup fresh chives
- Salt
- 1 1/2 cups farro grande (spelt), or pearled farro
- 3 to 4 green onions, trimmed, very thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus a little for the fish
- 3 medium shallots (or 1 small white onion), halved, very thinly sliced, about 3/4 cup

- 1/2 cup dry white wine or dry white vermouth
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 3 cloves garlic, very thinly sliced
- 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds frozen fish fillets, about 3/4- to 1-inch thick, thawed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Expeller pressed canola oil, sunflower or safflower oil for high-heat cooking
- 7 to 8 tablespoons softened unsalted butter

Use a very sharp knife to thinly slice all the fresh herbs. Mix them in a bowl. Refrigerate covered with a damp towel until needed, or up to 2 days.

Heat 4 cups water to a boil in a medium saucepan; add 1 teaspoon salt and the farro. Cook uncovered, stirring often, 4 minutes. Reduce heat to very low.

Cover the pan and simmer, stirring once or twice, until tender but still a bit toothsome, about 30 minutes. Drain off excess liquid. Return farro to pan; stir in sliced green onions and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Cover and set aside to stay warm.

While farro cooks, put shallots and wine in a large nonstick skillet and heat to a simmer. Cook, stirring often, until the wine is reduced to about 2 tablespoons, about 3 minutes. Add chicken broth and garlic; simmer until reduced again to 3 tablespoons, about 3 minutes. Set aside.

Season fish on all sides with salt and pepper. Drizzle lightly with olive oil.

Heat a large nonstick griddle or well-seasoned cast-iron griddle or

skillet over medium heat until a drop of water sizzles on contact. Brush lightly with canola oil, then add the fish, skin side up in a single, uncrowded layer. Cook until fish starts to brown and releases easily from pan, 3 to 4 minutes.

Use a silicon spatula or a very thin metal spatula to gently flip the fish skin side down. Cook until nearly firm when pressed, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn off heat; let fish rest on the griddle while you finish the sauce.

Set the skillet with the shallots back over medium heat. When hot, whisk in the butter, 1 tablespoon at a time, just until the butter softens and melts. When all the butter has been added, remove from the heat. Do not let the sauce boil. Stir in half of the herbs. If the sauce is very thick, gently whisk in a tablespoon or two of hot water or broth. Season with salt and pepper.

Stir the remaining herbs into the farro. Arrange the fish fillets on plates, top with sauce. Serve with farro.

Spaghetti with Creamy Clam Sauce

Makes 6 servings.

- 2 (6.5-ounce) cans minced clams
- About 1/2 cup chicken broth, or bottled clam juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 to 5 shallots, or 1 small white onion, very thinly sliced
- Half of a 2-ounce can anchovy fillets packed in oil, patted dry and minced (optional)
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup dry white vermouth or dry white wine

- 1 (4-ounce) can fire-roasted diced green chiles (optional)
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, or oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 12 ounces spaghetti or linguine
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley leaves or 3 tablespoons dried parsley

Strain clams in a colander set over a bowl to catch their liquid. Measure liquid and add chicken broth or bottled clam juice to make 1 cup total. Reserve liquid and clams separately.

Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large skillet; add shallots. Cook until golden, about 3 minutes. Stir in anchovies and garlic; cook, stirring, until anchovies dissolve, about 1 minute. Stir in vermouth; boil hard to reduce by half, about 3 minutes.

Stir in the reserved broth, chiles, cream and thyme; boil hard to reduce slightly, about 4 minutes. Season with pepper flakes and black pepper. Remove from heat.

Add the spaghetti to the boiling water. Cook, stirring often, until pasta is al dente, about 8 minutes.

Stir reserved clams into the skillet; heat mixture until hot. Drain the pasta; return it to the pot. Add the clam sauce, cheese and parsley. Toss to coat pasta with sauce. Serve with extra cheese.

Three recipes from Jan Roeder’s latest book, ‘Potluck 7’

Jan Roeder of Decatur sent me a copy of “Potluck 7,”

Jane Ammeson



the seventh cookbook in her Potluck series. In it she shares recipes from friends and family. I thought I’d share a few. A couple of the recipes are very distinct, such as the Hoagie Dip – I’ve never seen one like it. The same goes for the Pineapple Dip, which is a mixture of pineapple chunks, sugar and cheddar cheese thickened with flour and topped with butter and butter-flavored crackers.

Jan says Pineapple Casserole is a quintessential Southern dish, and at Easter, you’ll always find it in on the table between the sliced ham and buttery cornbread.

“The pineapple is a symbol for hospitality. So what better way to welcome your guests?” she says.

Of course, Easter has passed, but we can still try the recipe, which was given to her by Carrilou Gale.

The following recipes are from “Potluck 7.”

Mary Alice’s Hoagie Dip

- 1 medium onion
- 2 pickled pepperoncini peppers
- 1/2 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 large tomato, halved and seeded
- 1/4 pound deli-sliced Genoa salami
- 1/4 pound deli-sliced ham
- 1/4 pound deli-sliced roast turkey
- 1/4 pound deli-sliced provolone cheese
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 (10- to 12-inch) round loaf Italian bread
- 8 hoagie rolls, cut into pieces, for dipping

Chop the onion, peppers, lettuce and tomato into bite-size pieces. Dice the meats and cheese.

Combine the chopped vegetables, meats and cheese in a large bowl. Add the mayonnaise, olive oil, oregano, basil and red pepper flakes, and stir until everything is mixed and tasty. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Carve out the center of

a bread loaf to make a bowl. Be careful not to cut through the bottom, and cut the bread removed into bite size pieces. Serve the hoagie dip in the bread bowl with the extra bread and hoagie rolls to scoop it.

– Recipe from Grace Turk

Pineapple Casserole

- 2 large cans pineapple chunks, drained
- 6 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup butter-flavored crackers, crumbled
- 1 stick butter, melted

Mix pineapple chunks, flour and sugar, and stir in the cheese. Place in a sprayed 8-by-8-inch pan, and cover with cracker crumbs.

Drizzle melted butter over the dish, and bake uncovered for 25-30 minutes at 325 degrees.

Sopapilla Cheesecake Pie

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 3/4 cups, white sugar, divided

- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 (8-ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup honey

Heat an oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Beat the cream cheese with 1 cup sugar and vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.

Unroll the cans of crescent dough, and use a rolling pin to shape each piece into a 9-by-13-inch rectangle. Press one piece into the bottom of the baking dish. Evenly spread the cream cheese mixture into the baking dish, then cover with the remaining piece of dough.

Stir together the remaining sugar, cinnamon and butter. Dot the mixture over the top of the cheesecake.

Bake until the crust puffs up and turns golden brown, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven, and drizzled with honey.

Cool completely before cutting into 12 squares.

– Recipe from David and Deb Moormann

Ron Goldy at the Michigan State University Extension, sent me info about the just-released Michigan Agritourism Association’s 2020 Discover Michigan Farm Fun Directory.

Featuring locations of farmers markets, U-pick orchards, corn mazes, petting zoos, educational farms, wineries, farm stands and other agritourism destinations throughout the state, it’s a great way to discover all our state has to offer.

It does come with a caveat. With the COVID-19 pandemic, some farm events and activities may be canceled or delayed.

It mentions, however, how farmers are serving their customers while following social distancing guidelines, like offering drive-thru pickups or curbside deliveries, virtual educational farm visits and make-and-take food- and farm-related items (like home gardening kits).

The guide is available at State Farm Insurance agencies and Welcome Centers throughout the state. It also can be found online at www.michiganfarmfun.com.

I have been asking people what they’ve been cooking in their kitchens during the pandemic. When I put the question to Anne Odden of Benton Harbor, she told me her favorite recipes are often the ones found on the side of a Campbell’s soup can.

“With additions, of course, such as sautéed mushrooms, browned onions, and/or any leftovers in the fridge,” she added.

Anne likens it to making stone soup. That’s a reference to an old European folk story about a hungry stranger who comes into a village and tells the villagers he’s going to make stone soup. He convinces people to add foods. Soon they’ve added potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, turnips, carrots, onion, garlic and ham hocks to the big pot of stone soup, making enough to feed everyone.

The moral is that when we all share, we all win. It’s a nice story for these times.

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The following is a summary of an Ordinance approved by the St. Joseph City Commission on May, 11, 2020 and given a final reading on May 18, 2020. An ordinance appropriating funds to defray expenses and liabilities of the City of St. Joseph for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and for payments on bonded debt, special assessments and other obligations and directing a tax levy totaling 18.9051 mills. The St. Joseph City

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Commission approved the following tax levies:

- General Fund – 11.50 mills
- Street Fund – 3.55 mills
- Library Fund – 0.7833 mills
- Band Fund – 0.2500 mills
- Rubbish Fund – 1.8774 mills
- Airport Authority – 0.2444 mills
- Combined Sewer Overflow Debt – 0.7000 mills

Properties located within the St. Joseph Downtown Development Authority will be levied an additional 1.9770 mills. Special funds to be raised by rates and fees to support maintenance, operation, capital improvement and debt service include the Water Fund, Sewer Fund and City Water Fund. The City Assessor is directed to cause the several sums so ordered to be raised by general taxation to be levied and spread upon and against all taxable property in the City of St. Joseph and the same shall be due and payable July 1, 2020. The assessor shall cause the several sums ordered and directed to be levied and spread as special assessments to be levied and spread at such times as shall be due and payable September 15, 2020 or February 14, 2021. This ordinance is to take effect and be in full force ten days from the date of its final passage.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Minimize your spending and maximize your time and effort. Your track record will be your calling card when you want to expand your business prospects as well as your friendships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A monetary, legal or medical change will cause uncertainty. Consider all the alternatives before you jump into something unfamiliar. Stick to the rules and avoid problems with authority figures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Someone will withhold valuable information or mislead you purposely. Do your research and leave nothing to chance. Trust no one with your personal information or passwords.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Read between the lines. What someone tells you will differ from the facts. Distance yourself from others and research your options thoroughly. A change will inspire you to excel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Follow the path that you choose, not the path that someone else tries to persuade you to take. Being true to yourself will lead to success and happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

An emotional incident will set you back. Don't mix money and emotions. You cannot buy love, or trust someone who tempts you with something that isn't in your best interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Consider the consequences before you decide to get involved in someone's tempting adventure. Trust the people closest to you and beware of outsiders trying to take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

An emotional matter will escalate if you act abruptly. Try to assess a situation before you make a decision that can put a wedge in a meaningful relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Make a positive change at home that will add to your entertainment, comfort or convenience. If you share your plan with loved ones, you'll get help executing your project.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You'll be confused when dealing with friends, relatives or loved ones due to conflicting signals you receive. When in doubt, ask questions, get the facts and reassess your next move.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Educate yourself before you sign up to take part in something unfamiliar. Don't promise too much or overreact to what others do. Work diligently at your own speed until you reach your goal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Uncertainty will cloud your vision. Call on experience to help guide you through sensitive situations that call for diplomacy, compassion and understanding. How you react will determine the outcome.

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Biden needs safe choice for VP

The first thing to remember is that they are marketing decisions. That is, once a candidate has been deemed qualified to be president, the only thing that

Jonah Goldberg



matters is what the choice says about the person at the top of the ticket. It wasn't always this way. There was a time when vice presidents were picked on the assumption (or promise) that they could deliver their home state's electoral votes. In an era of machine politics, that was probably justified. But it stopped being true a long time ago.

In the modern era, veeps are picked to reinforce a message. The best example of this was Bill Clinton's selection of Al Gore in 1992. Clinton was running on generational change – for America and for the Democratic Party – so he picked another young, centrist Southern Democrat to buttress his image.

Now, this isn't to say that Joe Biden should pick another logorrheic septuagenarian who might shout "Give the hamster a bank loan!" at any given moment. You pick a VP to support the message you want to send, not the one

your opponents want to stick you with.

That's why Biden should pick a boring running mate, ideally a centrist, wonky, pleasant one.

The left wing of the party is desperate for Biden to pick one of their own, claiming he has to "energize the base" to have any chance of getting elected. Since Biden has already said he'll pick a woman no matter what (a concession to many of the same people now demanding even more from him), they tout people such as Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former Georgia state Rep. Stacey Abrams.

Warren failed to energize the base in the primaries and was particularly unappealing to black voters – unlike Biden, who won thanks largely to black support. Abrams, who is black, is a much better politician than Warren, but she wasn't good enough to win the Georgia governor's race in 2018.

There are two problems with the energize-the-base argument. First, that job has been filled – by President Donald Trump. Yes, polls say that many Democrats aren't enthusiastic about voting for Biden, but there's a mountain of evidence that they're very enthusiastic about voting against Trump. Indeed, the primary reason Biden beat the competition was the widespread view that he

was the best candidate to beat Trump in November.

Think of it this way: Trump galvanizes the left the way Hillary Clinton did the right. In 2016, the No. 1 reason people voted for Trump was that he wasn't Clinton. In late September of that year, 11 percent of Trump voters told the Pew Research Center they'd be disappointed if he won.

It's funny hearing people such as Sen. Bernie Sanders simultaneously insist that Trump is a historic threat to everything Democrats hold dear and that if Biden doesn't pick a left-wing ideologue, Democrats won't vote for him.

Biden will have Trump-despising Democrats in his column no matter what.

Which brings us to the second problem: Biden needs to win voters who don't necessarily despise Trump, specifically in battleground states, where there are fewer Trump-despising Democrats.

"In just about every battleground state, there are more conservative voters than liberal voters," David Plouffe, Barack Obama's 2008 campaign manager, told the New York Times Magazine last year. "So a Republican nominee starts out closer to the goal line than a Democrat does. That's the fact."

Biden's appeal is derived from the belief that he would be a normal president and would usher in a return to normalcy. The base may not love that message, but it's one they can swallow if the alternative is four more years of Trump. Meanwhile, to the former or occasional Republican voters in the suburbs, it's the only pitch that can win them over. Nominate a socialist or an advocate for reparations, and you force voters who cannot stand Trump's style but agree with many of his policies to bite the bullet and vote for him – or stay home.

There are many VP possibilities who fit the bill. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar is boringly competent. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has attracted a lot of negative press from the right for her response to the pandemic, but she is more popular than Trump in her state, most importantly with independents and moderates. Moreover, Trump seems to loathe her, which is catnip for the Democratic base.

Biden needs to send the message that he's a safe presidential choice who occasionally says odd things. Surely there's a woman out there who can help with that.

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What are the lessons from COVID-19?

When confronted by a dilemma such as we are now working through, the teacher in me is prone to ask what we are learning. There is wisdom in the old saying that life happens while we are making other plans. Yet there's always something to be learned.

Melinda Stibal
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Discovering the meaning and opportunity to be found in COVID-19 is a big order, more trying for some than for others in spite of the many common effects.

For toddlers and school-aged children it is, at best, upsetting and hard to understand. No friends to play with at school or in the neighborhood, coaching

at home via the internet or telephone by teachers and parents in place of the more interactive school family. Conditions at home may be tense to chaotic, even dangerous or, for others, more peaceful than usual. Food and shelter may be bountiful, adequate or not so readily available.

Older youth are wondering how they can proceed with their educations or work searches as well as relationships, not to mention wanting and needing attention for the barely acknowledged milestone of graduation, unable to party and say their goodbyes in the usual ways.

Adults in the workforce may be comfortable or struggling for economic survival, angered by restrictions yet fearful of the loosening of strict rules of social engagement that are protecting them. Retirees and others relying on Social Security checks are happy to have their fixed incomes while seriously worrying about so many people suffering, the economy and the chaotic world we are leaving to our descendants.

A sense of diminished community is gradually unfolding for people of all stages and ages, being replaced by artificial "screen" communities that help but do not fill the void. Much statistical evidence exists proving that from infancy to old age, people who do not receive physical touching do not thrive. Hugging, holding, touching and eye contact in some measure make a difference for the better in our lives.

Diminished human contact aside, it has been interesting to observe the quirks and changes in routine that have arisen during the pandemic. People stuck at home are being creative, for example cooking and baking more bread with a resulting shortage of yeast along with the more understandable shortages of hand sanitizers, other disinfecting products and the inevitable toilet tissue.

Curtailed of barbering and hair styling has produced some interesting hair styles as friends and family appear with longer coifs without benefit of the usual trims, dye or perms. Men who kept their hair short are now troubled by emerging waves and curls.

Curbside disposals waiting for pickup reveal a lot of cleaning and fixing up around the house. Grass mowing, shrub trimming and gardening are no longer delayed until the weekend.

Changes in televised and online news with people reporting from their homes has been entertaining. The sight of book shelves and other background distracts me from the reporting as I find myself trying to read the book titles. It has made watching the disheartening news more bearable. Background artwork and greenery add a nice touch. We are learning more about the people who are contributing to the news by being allowed into their homes.

Missing sports leagues and sporting events leave a huge vacuum, especially for children and youth who are missing their group activities. Spectator sports without the spectators is almost impossible to imagine. Musicians and their audiences face the same dilemma.

Meanwhile faith communities have had to leap into the electronic communication arena, airing new ways of worship through Facebook, YouTube and other streaming services giving congregants new worship forms and sources. Many are offering simplified services without benefit of much congregational participation except the opportunity to "chat," "like" or comment. These are holding congregations together until they can gather in person once again.

New concepts of community are being imagined. Awareness of those folks who are truly suffering loss of income, shelter, food and safety is emerging with new insight into their undeserved vulnerability. Food pantry services across the nation are at new heights while air pollution is substantially reduced. Increasing domestic violence is the reality for many.

The question remains: are we learning to rebuild a more open, empathetic and environmentally sustainable community or will we continue in the old patterns, fearing change to more moderate living?

Melinda Stibal lives in Coloma. Her email address is: 2mstibals@comcast.net.

LETTERS

Blackwell has right background for Lansing

Editor,
Sometimes life gives us unexpected opportunities in unexpected times. In the midst of my quarantine I have just been given an opportunity. I, like many others, have been disenchanted with the current political climate. With the announced candidacy of Jacquie Gnodtke Blackwell for our representative from the 79th District I have the opportunity to tell voters that there is reason to hope. She has the political background and the will to work beyond bureaucratic partisanship for the good of her constituents. She has no personal political or financial agenda.

Jacquie learned from her father, Carl Gnodtke, who served honorably for many years as our representative, that you can work well with both parties always in friendship. I got to know Jacquie when, as a teacher in St. Joseph, I took my fourth-graders to the Capitol in spring to cap off our study of Michigan. Then, working as a legislative aide to Lad Stacey, she took my students on a knowledgeable insider tour of the Capitol, explaining the workings of state government in language they could understand. She literally grew up in the Capitol! Other employment later contributed to her political astuteness.

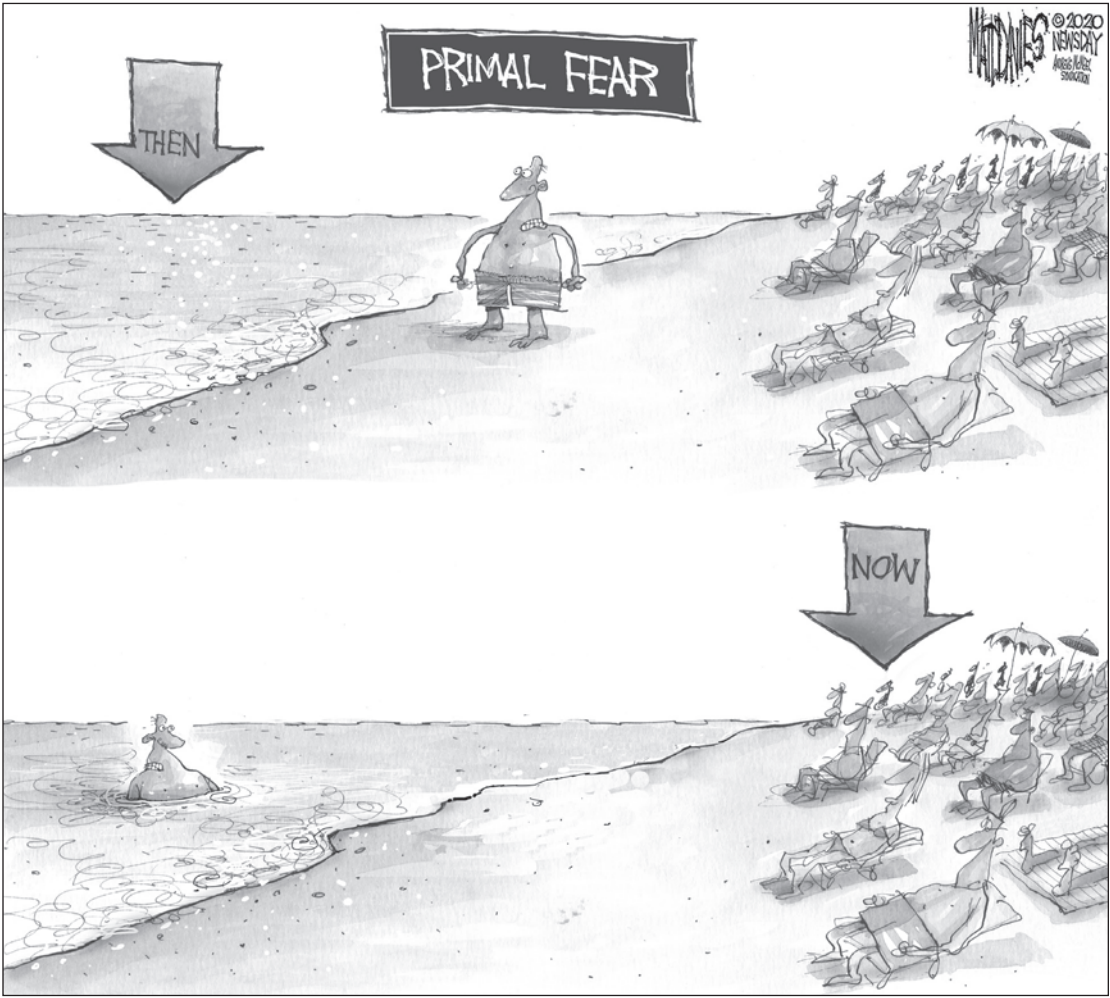
Jacquie holds a master's degree in child and adolescent psychology and is currently employed as a behavioral tech at Spectrum Health Lakeland. This also gives her empathy for those caught in the health care dilemma. Her extensive volunteering, work for non profits and personal projects would make this endorsement too long.

Jacquie is challenging the current incumbent, however, I cannot imagine anybody more informed, politically astute, or qualified to change the existing political stalemate and divisive partisanship. Please take the time to visit Jacquie's website before you vote in the August 4 Republican primary, jacquiefor79th.com.

Mary Adams Coloma

Trump is putting everyone at risk

Editor,
Donald Trump has moved on from the "war against COVID-19" to focus on opening the economy – certainly not because it is safe to do so. He is actively pushing states to open their economies despite almost no evidence that they have met his own administration's federal guidelines, which were designed to minimize the risk of another infectious outbreak. The president openly admits that removing restrictions on closed businesses at this time will result in increased infections and deaths. He just doesn't care about the



risk others may have to take.

One very key component in the risk management of economic opening is testing. However, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Trump has demonstrated little support for creating and executing a robust testing program, except in the West Wing of the White House. He insists on getting tested every day but flaunts social distancing and refuses to wear a mask. Two White House staff members recently tested positive for COVID-19. Because of their exposure to these staffers, Trump and Pence should both be quarantined and/or wearing masks all the time to avoid infecting others. They are doing neither. They are more concerned with appearances than safety of Americans. Such a sad state of affairs.

Trump is now pushing for high infection rate businesses such as meat packing plants to keep operating, without mandating sufficient testing or the other safety guidelines created by his own administration. Imagine, meat is a necessity without protecting the plant workers. Haha. It's only a necessity to the owners of the plant. While workers want and need to work, safety is a necessity in my opinion.

Trump likes to visit businesses for photo-ops, so perhaps he can drop in and see how things are going at a Smithfield pork or Tyson chicken plant, without a mask of course. Nothing like the commander-in-chief visiting the troops!

Won't happen. This sorry excuse of a leader is too much of a coward to experience the chaos he has instigated.

Ellen Higdon St. Joseph

It is time to reopen Michigan

Editor,
Enough is enough. It's not about safety anymore, it's about control. Open up Michigan. Recall Whitmer. Do it! This is nuts!

Tami Hill St. Joseph

Face mask is a sign of courtesy

Editor,
"No shirt, no shoes, no service" is a rule that has been in effect since the 1950s, according to an online article, "Where Did 'Shirt and Shoes Required' Come From?" written by Dave Roos. The rule has no basis in health or safety. Rather, it is a way of keeping out undesirable customers. I have not heard anyone complain about the violation of his or her rights concerning this rule.

On April 3, 2020, The CDC recommended wearing a face covering when out in public and social distancing is not possible for both health and safety reasons. Following these guidelines, businesses request patrons wear a mask while in their establishments. This has garnered everything from hissy fits to murder.

The recommendation to wear a mask is not for the wearer's protection but that of friends, neighbors and the community. According to the CDC, an individual can be presymptomatic or asymptomatic. I wear a mask because I cannot know for sure I am not infected and I am taking personal responsibility for my impact on the community. When

Write us

Here's how to submit a letter to the editor:

Email: letters@TheHP.com

Regular mail: Editorial Page, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085

All letters should include a daytime telephone number and street address for verification. Letters must be 500 words or fewer. The Herald-Palladium reserves the right to edit letters for length, style, grammar, inappropriate content and libel. Anonymous letters will not be published.

Election letters

Due to high volume, letters relating to candidates and issues in upcoming elections will be limited to 300 words.

I see people wearing masks I do not see weak people giving up their individual freedoms. I see people who care about the safety and well being of everyone including me.

Robbie Trail Watervliet

Cemetery condition was a disgrace

Editor,
I went to Crystal Springs Cemetery on Monday to pay my respects to my parents and sister. I was appalled at the condition of this cemetery. The grass was past my knees. How disgraceful and sad. On Memorial Day no less.

Tina Kirby Coloma

OBITUARIES

Ruth I. Butz

Dec. 11, 1919 – May 23, 2020



Ruth made her entrance into this world on Dec. 11, 1919, the second child of Forrest G. and Hazel (Milliken) Williams. Her life spanned over 100 years before the Lord called her home in the early morning hours of May 23, 2020.

After graduating from Mishawaka High School in 1938, Ruth attended Tobias College, acquired her license in cosmetology and secured a position at LaMar Beauty Shop on South Main St. in Mishawaka. Dec. 30, 1939, Ruth became the bride of Robert E. Butz in a small wedding in the First English Lutheran Church in Mishawaka. The next decade she and Bob became the parents of four daughters, Barbara Davis, Kay (Larry) Green, Jill (Barry) Robertson and Susan (Jack) Sukup. As the girls married, the family grew, producing 16 grandchildren, then great-grandchildren, great-great- and great-great-great, at last count 78. All of the family remembers the wonderful Christmas Eve get-togethers Ruth hosted for the family. Sweet memories of when she pulled out the slide projector or the grands put on a musical show.

In 1953, Ruth opened Town & Country Beauty Shoppe in the basement of their home on LaSalle Avenue in Mishawaka. She owned and operated her business for 30 years with many of her long-time customers becoming good friends. The Butz's belonged to a euvre club with members being friends from their high school years at MHS. The club met for over 40 years. Ruth is the last of the group to pass, and this being a Saturday, game on in heaven tonight!

Ruth was a long-time member of East United Methodist Church, Mishawaka, where she taught Sunday School, worked in the nursery and belonged to WSCS and Circle. In her youth she attended church camp at Epworth Forest.

Simple joys of life made Ruth happy: cooking, sewing, crocheting, hanging clothes on the line and bright red lip-

stick. She loved shopping on Wednesdays with her mom and sister.

Ruth and Bob lived to travel and especially liked visiting Vermont. For 22 years they spent winters at their home in Florida and Ruth's mom went with them. When her mother fell and broke her hip at age 107, Ruth became her caregiver for over a year. Ruth was 85.

After 73 years of living in their home on LaSalle, Ruth and Bob moved to the Whitcomb Senior Living Community in St. Joseph on July 1, 2014. They enjoyed the many activities right outside their door and life became easier and more enjoyable. Mom loved singing her entire life, and the Whitcomb Warblers gave her great enjoyment. After becoming a widow, Ruth continued on at the Whitcomb where she made many friends with residents and staff and was known by many as the Whitcomb's sweetheart. Life became more difficult for Ruth when diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In April this year she moved to Golden Shore Assisted Living where she spent her final days. The family sends a special thank you to the staff for their loving care.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Robert; her parents; her sister, Emma Gaskill; her brother, Forrest G. Williams Jr.; four grandchildren; and many other family, extended family and friends.

A service is planned to take place Saturday, May 30, at East United Methodist Church, Melville St., Mishawaka, with viewing at 1 p.m. and service at 2 p.m. In the special circumstances of COVID-19, masks are required and social distancing will take place within the church building. The family expresses their understanding of persons not wishing to attend. Online condolences are available in lieu of attendance.

Palmer Funeral Homes-Bubb Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Karen Kay Chamberlin

May 30, 1942 – May 25, 2020



Karen Kay Chamberlin, 77, of Elkhart, Ind., passed away on May 25, 2020, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Karen was born on May 30, 1942, in Benton Harbor, to Carlisle and Marie Dahms. She married Wesley Chamberlin on Aug. 20, 1994, in Las Vegas.

Karen was an administrative assistant for SimplexGrinnell. She enjoyed making crafts and most currently making cards for family and friends. Karen was a loving, wife, mom, sister, grandma and great-grandma, and she will be greatly missed.

Karen leaves to cherish her memories, her loving husband of 25 years, Wesley; their children: Patty Joslyn of Elkhart, Linda (Jon) Paul of Elkhart, Richard Joslyn of Grandview, Texas, Nathan (Michelle) Chamberlin of Radford, Va., Amy (Jerry) Rings of Elkhart, Christian (Jennifer) Chamberlin of Wenatchee, Wash., John

(Krystal) Chamberlin of Beaumont, Calif., and Jeremy (Johanna) Chamberlin of Richmond Hills, Ga.; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Carol (Rene) Secor of Dowagiac.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents; and her siblings, Robert Dahms, Michael Dahms, Barbara Allen and Margaret Wagner.

Friends may gather with family from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, 1531 Cobblestone Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46514. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the funeral home. Pastor Jeff Estep will officiate. Memorial donations in memory of Karen may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be made to the Chamberlin family on the funeral home website.

Dianna Kay Lakey

Feb. 4, 1950 – May 23, 2020



Dianna Kay Lakey, 70, of Lawrence passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Dianna was born Feb. 4, 1950, in Cardwell, Mo., the daughter of Miles and Essie (Smith) Carter. Dianna was a loving wife and mother who loved flowers, working in her garden, cooking and listening to gospel and country music.

On Nov. 21, 1989, Dianna and JR Lakey were united in marriage. JR survives, along with her children: Jimmey Carter, Teddy Weir Jr., Michelle Wright, Donna (Jerry) Trahan, Brenda (Chuck) Jenkins and Don-

nie Jean Lakey; and two sisters, Brenda Wright and Gwinn Titman.

The family will welcome friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at the Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford. Due to current state and federal guidelines, please remember we have a restriction on how many can attend at one time, so when you come be patient and everyone will get in to greet the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Lois Marie Hatfield

Nov. 18, 1930 – May 15, 2020



Lois Marie Hatfield (Lolo) of Calumet City, Ill., passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at Woodland Terrace in Bridgman after a long battle with dementia/Alzheimer's with her daughter holding her hand.

A private Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph, with Father Thomas McNally officiating. Burial will follow around 11 a.m. in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Those wishing to join the graveside service are welcome.

Memorials can be made to the Salvation Army in Chicago, or Caring Circle in St. Joseph.

Those wishing to share a memory of Lois online can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Lois was born Nov. 18, 1930, in Chicago, to Ernest and Estelle (Beland) Cummings.

She graduated from Hirsch High School. On Sept. 23, 1950, she married Charles Hatfield Jr. at St. Laurence Parish in Chicago. Lois and Chuck enjoyed 52 years together before his passing.

Family was most important in her life. As a loving wife and mother, Lois took great pride in nurturing her four children, Cheryl, Chuck, Chris and Curt. She enjoyed teaching her daughter to cook and bake, and as the wife of a Chicago firefighter working two jobs, she was constantly driving and cheering on her three active sons at athletic events. When her adult children began their own families, she was thrilled. Lois loved being a grandmother and said, "As much as you love your own children, there's nothing like being a grandmother." Then the "greats" started to come and she never ceased enjoying each one of them until close to her death.

Called Lolo by most, she was a truly amazing woman. Although the youngest, Lolo

took care of all in her family. She was especially close to her mother and protective of her growing up in their alcoholic home.

Always wanting to be a Catholic, Lois converted at 18 over her father's objections. Among the first families at Our Lady of Knock Parish in Calumet City, she was extremely active in parish life, faithfully attending Mass and services, helping at activities and singing in the funeral choir. She was also active in the Altar & Rosary Society and the OLOK Seniors Group.

She was fun and funny, witty, energetic, caring and loving. Lolo loved to cook and to bake cakes, pies and apple slices, but chocolate chip cookies were her forte. She baked three times a week and probably baked enough cookies to circle the globe. She took baked goods and cookies to the sick and homebound, parish events, friends and sent cookies home with her children's friends. Anyone stopping by got a cup of tea and homemade snack.

Lois is survived by her children, Cheryl (Earl) Williams, Christopher (Reta) Hatfield and Curtis (Nancy) Hatfield; grandchildren, Kristine (Robert) Hall, Aimee (Paul) Foster, Michelle (Jason) Krcmery, Christina Hatfield, Alex (Mercedes) Hatfield, Danielle Hatfield, Bradley (Maureen) Hatfield and Brett (Jennifer) Hatfield; great-grandchildren, Bobby, Violette (fiancé Cory), Tess, Katie, Molly, Emma, Colin, Drew, Madeline, Raylan, Charley Jo, Quinn, Lucas, Paige, Fiona and Victor.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Charles Hatfield III; sister, Marion Brouillette; and brother, Ernest Cummings.

Special thanks to Tonya, Todd and all the staff of Woodland Terrace for the love and excellent care given to Lois in her more than a decade there.

Johnnie Powell

March 23, 1951 – May 22, 2020



Johnnie Powell was the eldest son of the late Herbert and Lula Mae Powell. He was born in Lambert, Miss., on March 23, 1951.

His parents moved to Chicago during the 1950s seeking a better life – and soon settled into a new housing development called the "Cabrini Green Projects." He attended Schiller Elementary School and later became an active student at the now famous Cooley High School. He served as a member of the drama club, was Black History Month chairman and vice president of his senior class.

Johnnie was a good student, who first attended the University of Illinois. Two years later, he transferred to Northern Illinois University, where he earned a degree in business management and finance in 1974. He then worked as an accountant at McDonald's Corporate office in Chicago, and later in life worked as a Youth Advocate and Juvenile Probate Officer throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

After college graduation, Johnnie's mother unexpectedly died, and his father left the home soon after. Nevertheless, he stepped up, gave up his apartment, moved back into the Cabrini Green Projects and took care of his siblings until they were of age.

During the summer of 1986, his "birthday" came early when he met and fell in love with a social studies teacher working at Truman College, Louretta Cunningham, who he later nicknamed "Chocolate Cake." They married on Nov. 22, 1986, after sharing a whirlwind romance and love affair that lasted exactly 33 years, six months and one day. To this love affair was birthed three wonder-

ful children, John Marcus II, Kenya Joi-Gustavia and Genesis Nia Georgia-Mae. Johnnie Powell loved his wife and children dearly, and in turn, they loved him.

Johnnie was a longtime prison minister for Van Buren County Jail, where he spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and worked diligently to reduce the recidivism rate of African American male inmates within the county jail.

On May 22, 2020, he listened to songs of praise, scriptures of comfort, the prayers of his wife and children and had holy communion with his family. He then shook off his earthly persona and surrendered to the will of the Almighty God.

This beloved man is survived by his loving wife, Louretta; children, John, Kenya and Genesis; three siblings, Yvonne Muldrow (Iowa), Eugene Powell and Diane Pointer (Illinois); his best friend, Phillip Snowden (Louisiana); special cousin, Flo (Illinois); and a host of aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, James, Herbert, Dennis and Wayne; and one sister, Evelyn.

A wake will be held from 10-11 a.m. Friday, May 29, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral services will follow the wake at 11 a.m., with Pastor Ralph Cunningham officiating. Johnnie will be laid to rest in Lakeview Cemetery in South Haven. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Death notices

Carol Ann Ball, 85, of St. Joseph, formerly of Decatur died May 24, 2020, at home. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Irene Bell, 53, of Indianapolis, formerly of Benton Harbor died May 23, 2020, at Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation-Wildwood, Indianapolis. Stuart Funeral Home and Mortuary, Indianapolis, (317) 925-3000.

Catherine "Cat" A. Berry, 60, of St. Joseph died May 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ruth I. Butz, 100, of St. Joseph, formerly of Mishawaka, Ind., died May 23, 2020. Palmer Funeral Home, Bubb Chapel, South Bend, Ind., (574-255-3126.

Karen Kay Chamberlin, 77, of Elkhart, Ind., died May 25, 2020, at Elkhart General Hospital. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, (574) 293-6411.

Marion Goffeney, 82, of Niles died May 25, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Richard D. Mann, 52, of Salt Lake City, formerly of Berrien Springs died May 21, 2020, at Salt Lake City Hos-

pital. Salt Lake Valley Mortuary, Sandy, Utah, (801) 977-0278.

Fiore F. "Frank" Postelli, 101, of Coloma died May 25, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Johnnie Powell, 69, of South Haven died May 22, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Nancy (Milum Hamilton) Raschke, 74, of Benton Harbor died May 22, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Barbara J. (Stillman) Southland, 90, of St. Joseph died May 23, 2020, at Riveridge Rehabilitation, Niles. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Karol C. "Rudy" Toth, 84, of Bridgman died May 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Rev. Eldridge White, 91, of Covert died May 26, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.



Karol Charles 'Rudy' Toth

July 2, 1935 – May 24, 2020

Karol Charles "Rudy" Toth, 84, of Bridgman passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Cremation has taken place. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Chuck was born July 2, 1935, in Chicago, to John and Anna (Kusnar) Toth. In 1945, Chuck moved to Bridgman, where he graduated high school in 1953. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1955, where he loved racing stock cars. Chuck attended Western Michigan University and graduated from Sienna Heights with his bachelor's degree. He met his wife, Marlene, at the Captain's Table, and they married on Nov. 17, 1967, recently celebrating their 52nd anniversary. In 1976, they designed and built their forever home in Bridgman, where they raised four children together. Chuck was retired from Clark Equipment after 30 years and, unable to stay still, continued working at Pratt, finally retiring in 2019.

Chuck had a love for history, specifically World



War II and military aircraft, watching sports, war movies and westerns. When his kids were growing up, he enjoyed watching them play sports and never missed a game or a meet. Driving around in his convertible sports car and dining out with Marlene was a favorite pastime. Chuck was strong-willed, knowledgeable about any subject, loved babies, Dairy Queen and truly loved working. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will greatly be missed.

Chuck is survived by his three children, Larry (Julie) Toth of Vicksburg, Tara (Bryan) Duffield of Coloma and Scott Toth of Benton Harbor; four granddaughters: Sabrina Toth, Ashley (Joel) Larsen, Kendyl (Nathan) Adams and Madyson Duffield; and two great-granddaughters, Evelyn Adams and Maddox Larsen. Also surviving is his sister, Sylvia Toth; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Chuck was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene, on Dec. 30, 2019; a daughter, Terri Molpus in 2005; and his siblings, John Toth, Mary Balutowicz and Irene Brigner.

Carol Ann Ball

Jan. 22, 1935 – May 24, 2020

Carol Ann Ball, 85, of St. Joseph, formerly of Decatur passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at her home.

A celebration of life graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, at Lakeside Cemetery in Decatur. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.newellchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Newell Chapel.

Carol was born on Jan. 22, 1935, to Gerald and Eleanor (Seagrave) White in Chicago. She graduated from St. Gabriel High School in Chicago. She married John D. Burns, and together they had eight children. Carol had a passion for helping children, which led to her owning and operating her own childcare business,



which she ran for 50 years before retiring at age 72. Her most cherished times were with her family.

Carol is survived by her children: John W. (Denise Kainz) Burns of DeForest, Wis., Michael Burns of Decatur, Terrence (Micki) Burns of Decatur, Robert (Julie) Burns of Decatur, Gerald Burns of Decatur, Eileen (Richard) Rifley of The Woodlands, Texas, and Cathleen Burns of St. Joseph; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Joan Panfil of South Haven, William White of Lansing, Ill., and John (Lydia) White of Romeoville, Ill.; sister-in-law, Shirley White; dearest friend, Betty O'Hare; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her first husband, John D. Burns; parents, Gerald and Eleanor White; her infant baby boy; and siblings, Eileen Milch, Gerald White, Adrian Tovo, Lila Dahlman, Daniel White, Gayle Pinder and Noreen White.

See more obituaries on Page A10

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

A total of six bowlers were recently inducted into the Blossomland Men’s Bowling Association Hall of Fame. They include: Donald (Bud) Mummaw of Benton Harbor, Dan Danneffel of Coloma, Robert Davis of Coloma and Gene Oman of Union Pier in the superior performance category and James Florian Sr. of Stevensville and Paul Oselka Sr. of Union Pier in the meritorious service division.

35 years ago – 1985

Dedication ceremonies of a memorial landmark at the former site of the Newhope United Methodist Church which was destroyed by fire in June of 1983 will be held at noon, Sunday, June 2. The dedication of the brick church sign and cross will be held at the corner of Bainbridge

Center and North Branch roads in Bainbridge Township, where the church stood before the fire. The Rev. Linda Stoddard, former church pastor, now of Battle Creek, will conduct the dedication.

50 years ago – 1970

Reduction of critical overcrowding at Benton Harbor Junior High and the possibility of more special education classes have pushed the Benton Harbor Board of Education to approve sending all ninth graders to Benton Harbor High School. The plan calls for 11th and 12th graders to be on one five-hour shift and 9th and 10th graders on another shift. This way, the seventh and eighth graders that had been retained at eight of the elementary schools can be placed in the junior highs.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, May 27, the 148th day of 2020. There are 218 days left in the year. **Highlight in history:** On May 27, 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “New Deal” legislative program. **On this date:** In 1199, King John of England was crowned in Westminster Abbey nearly two months after the death of his brother, Richard I (“The Lion-Hearted”). In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that

President Abraham Lincoln lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling). In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois. In 1912, golf legend Sam Snead was born in Ashwood, Va. Author John Cheever was born in Quincy, Mass. In 1933, the Chicago World’s Fair, celebrating “A Century of Progress,” officially opened. Walt Disney’s Academy Award-winning animated short “The Three Little Pigs” was first released. In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy; some three dozen paintings were ruined or damaged.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					
Scattered T-storms 78°	Scattered T-storms 64°	Few Showers 71° / 61°	Few Showers 63° / 55°	Sunny 61° / 52°	Mostly Sunny 62° / 54°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 78°, humidity of 60%. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 64°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:14 a.m.
Sunset	9:11 p.m.
Moonrise	10:27 a.m.
Moonset	1:01 a.m.
	First 5/29
	Full 6/5
	Last 6/13
	New 6/21

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday	
Temperature	
High	87°
Low	70°
Normal High	74°
Normal Low	51°
Record High	91° in 2012
Record Low	37° in 2002
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	6.09"
Normal for month	3.29"
Year to date	18.33"
Normal Year to date	12.47"

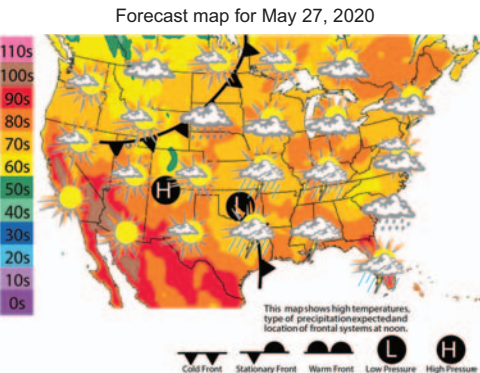
Air Quality

Yesterday	47
Main Offender	Ozone
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.	
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

How many times is the Empire State Building struck by lightning? **Answer:** On average, more than 20 times per year.

National Weather Map



Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind around 6 kt. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 55 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 5 to 7 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. South wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. South southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s.

OBITUARIES CONTINUED FROM A9

Lorraine Evelyn Reifschneider

Feb. 3, 1925 – May 24, 2020

Lorraine Evelyn Reifschneider, 95, of Baroda passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman, where she received loving care by the staff. She is now at peace in Heaven with her Lord and family members who went before her.



Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, May 28, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9650 Church St., Bridgman, with the Rev. Edward A. Meyer officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Ruggles Cemetery, Baroda. Memorial contributions

may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 26, Bridgman, MI 49106. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Lorraine was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Baroda, the daughter of the late Fredrick and Edith (Gast) Ott. On Oct. 6, 1945, she married Albert Raymond Reifschneider and she was a wonderful homemaker. Albert preceded her in death on May 21, 2005. Lorraine was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a member of its Ladies Aid and Alter Guild. She was a good cook and excellent pie maker. She canned many jars of fruits, vegetables and even meat.

Survivors include her children, Larry (Joanne) Reifschneider, Sharon Martin and Daniel (Cathy)

Reifschneider; grandchildren: Emelee (Brian) Rajzer, Suze (Derrick) Miller, Tim (Kathryn) Martin, Julie (Nathan) Turner, Mary (Len) Amat, Shawn (Chris) Martin, Will (Catherine) Reifschneider and Allison Reifschneider; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Donna Mach and Shirley (Larry) Eber; sisters-in-law, Patricia Ott and Connie Ott; and many nieces and nephews.

Lorraine was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Gabriel Rajzer; brothers, Leslie, Herbert, Ervin, Raymond and Norman Ott; and sisters, Adeline Hasse and Mabel Schmaltz.

Arrangements are entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman.

Lodine Louise Companion, 96, of Bridgman passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman.



A private funeral service will be held Friday, May 29, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, and you are invited to join the live stream of the service on Lodine’s obituary page at www.PikeFH.com.

Lodine Louise Companion

Aug. 1, 1923 – May 24, 2020

com, beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Memorial contributions may be given to the Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Lodine was born Aug. 1, 1923, in St. Joseph, the daughter of the late Roy and Pearl (Geisler) Yeske. On Feb. 6, 1943, she married Carl Companion Sr., and he preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2006. Lodine was an avid

reader and enjoyed tending her flower garden. Her family was her pride and joy and for many years she and Carl spent their winters in Florida. Survivors include her children: Michael (Joan) Companion, Marge (Jim) Bembenek, Jackie (Larry) Horak, Carla (Gary) VanGilder and Carl Companion Jr.; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Lodine was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Yeske; and a special friend, Wilbur Charleston.

Barbara Jean (Stillman) Southland

July 12, 1929 – May 23, 2020

Barbara Jean (Stillman) Southland, 90, of St. Joseph passed away May 23, 2020, at Riveridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Niles.



Barbara was born in 1929 in Paxton, Ill., and grew up in St. Joseph. She graduated from St. Joseph High School and was on the Blossomtime Festival Court as Miss Lakes. She worked at Whirlpool for several years, then lived in Lebanon and Switzerland in the 1960s with her family. After returning to

the area, Barbara received her psychology degree from Western Michigan University and worked as a real estate agent. She moved to Houston, where she managed apartment complexes and owned a restaurant bar. Returning to the area, Barbara worked at and retired from Riverwood Center in Benton Harbor. Barbara was an accomplished cook, an avid reader, and enjoyed gardening, knitting and art.

A private family ceremony will take place at a later date. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Charles “Ernie” and Ella Stillman; her brother, Richard; her sister, Sally Nelson; and her ex-husband, Gerald “Jerry” Southland.

She is succeeded by her children, Jeffery (Cindy) Southland of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., Cynthia Southland of Stevensville, Stephen Southland of Cape Coral, Fla., and Mark Southland of Plano, Texas; her sister, Shirley (Jim) Chapman of Benton Harbor; three grandchildren, Julie, Eric and Steven Fanslau; and one great, grandchild, Abigail Fanslau.

Richard Duane Mann

Dec. 6, 1967 – May 21, 2020

Richard Duane Mann, “Dick Mann,” 52, a professional baker in Salt Lake City, passed away suddenly on May 21, 2020, at Salt Lake City Hospital. Rich was admitted for ulcerative colitis, but blood clots in his lungs broke free and went to his heart, causing a heart attack. Rich passed peacefully.



Due to COVID-19, no funeral service will be held.

However, a celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the residence of John (Mike) and Anna Mann, 7077 Hollywood Road, Berrien Springs. Please, no flowers.

Rich was born and raised in Berrien County, and graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1986. Rich was an amazing son, brother, uncle, cousin and, of course, dad; just an amazing person in general who always made people laugh and smile. Rich was always up for adventures and loved having fun with all his friends. Rich loved

music, baking, playing pool, trips to Vegas and he especially loved playing Xbox with his son, Richie.

Rich left behind father, John Michael Mann; mother, Anna B. Mann; brothers, John Mann Jr. (Debi) and George Mann; sister, Theresa Mann (Darren Murphy); son, Richie; nephews, Connor and Lucas Mann and Dylon and Seth Markus; niece, Amberlee Markus; and two stepchildren, Trenton Martin and Jaslyn Jones, and their mother, Corie Jones.

Rich will be deeply missed by family and friends.

and numerous aunts and uncles.

Cremation has taken place. No funeral is planned, per her wishes.

The family would like to thank Dr. Patel and all the nurses and staff of the Marie Yeager Cancer Center for their care and compassion.

Please make memorials to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Nancy Raschke

Jan. 11, 1946 – May 22, 2020

Nancy (Milum Hamilton) Raschke passed away at home on May 22, 2020.

Nancy was born in Benton Harbor on Jan. 11, 1946, to Gus and Edna Raschke. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1964. Nancy began working at Heath/Zenith in the mid-1970s and worked until they went out of business in 1996. Nancy then worked at Lake-

land Medical Center on the Behavioral Health unit for over 20 years.

Nancy is survived by her son, Donald (Julie) Milum of Minneapolis; daughter, Heidi Bower of Benton Harbor; and grandsons, Matthew Bower (Emily Leighty) and Blake and Andrew Milum.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Raymond Raschke;

area. While the Democratic governor has lifted coronavirus-related restrictions on residents taking road trips, especially traveling to second homes in the woods and waters of northern Michigan, she doesn’t encourage it, saying the virus is highly contagious and could overwhelm small-town hospitals. “My husband made a failed attempt at humor last week

when checking in with a small business that helps with our boat and dock up north,” Whitmer said, reading a statement. “Knowing it wouldn’t make a difference, he jokingly asked if being married to me might move him up in the queue. ... He regrets it. I wish it wouldn’t have happened, and that’s really all we have to say about it.”

WHITMER

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NorthShore Dock subsequently said on Facebook that Mallory was respectful and understood why the company couldn’t quickly get his boat in the water, the News reported.

Whitmer and Mallory own a home in the Elk Rapids

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